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THE FLASH #1

WALLY WEST RACES TOWARDS NEW WORLDS,
MYSTERIOUS ALLIES, AND MIND-SHATTERING THREATS!

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FORGING
THE FUTURE
ONE HERO
AT A TIME



REACH OUT. I'LL BE THERE

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SIX MONTHS AGO.

"I FIRST MET MARKUS WILCOX AT A PITCH EVENT FOR STARTUPS FUNDED BY S.T.A.R. LABS."

SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS, WHAT IF WE COULD WASH OURSELVES WHILE SITTING DOWN?

"WE USUALLY HEAR A LOT OF BAD IDEAS."

...THAT'S JUST A BATHTUB. YOU'RE PITCHING US A BATHTUB.

IT'S A SOLID IDEA, BUT ONE ROOTED IN REDUNDANCY.

DR. STONE, DR. CHARLES, I'VE GOT A VISION THAT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT THE KEY TO THE FUTURE ISN'T ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AS SO MANY LIKE TO BELIEVE?

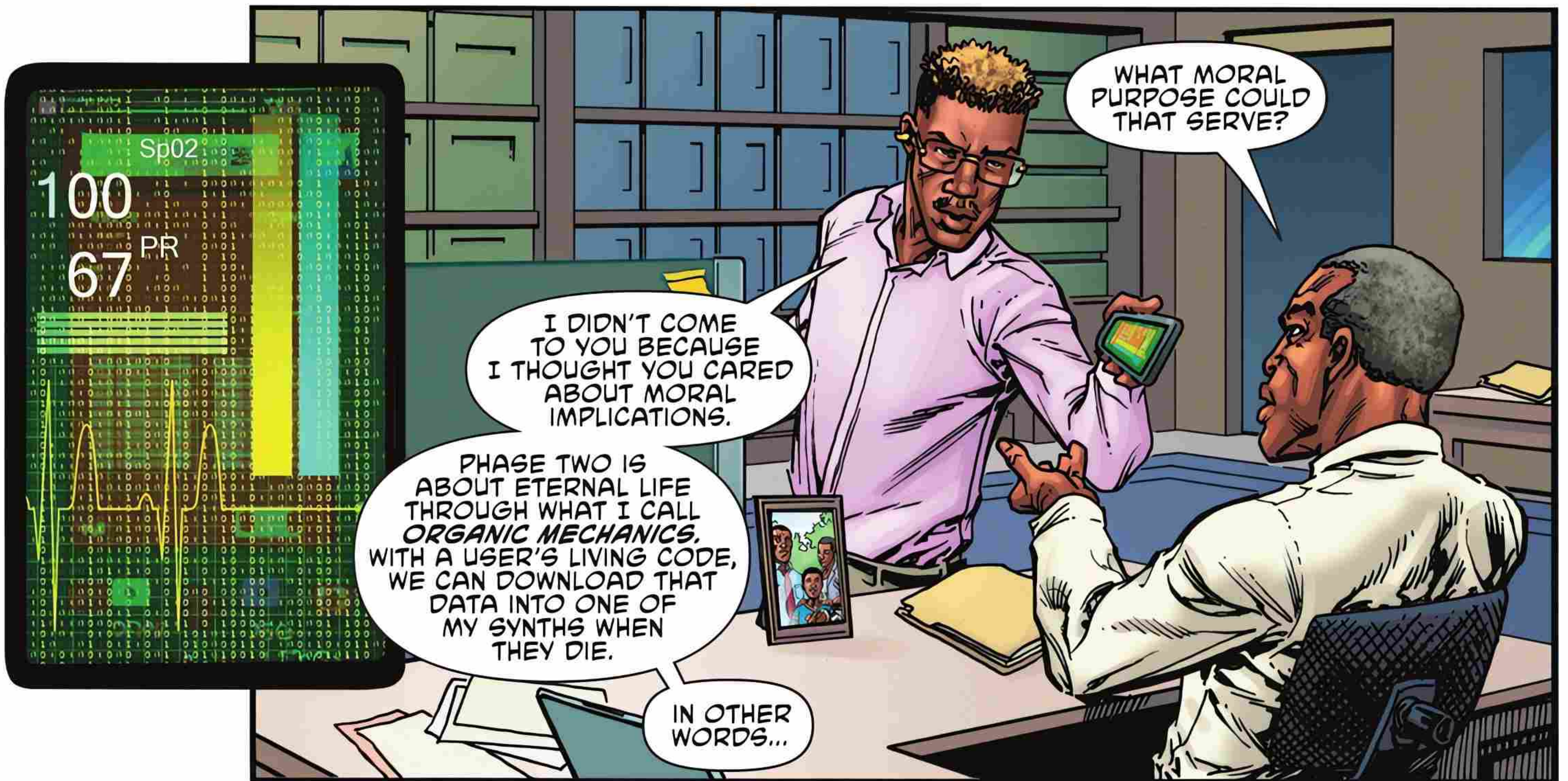
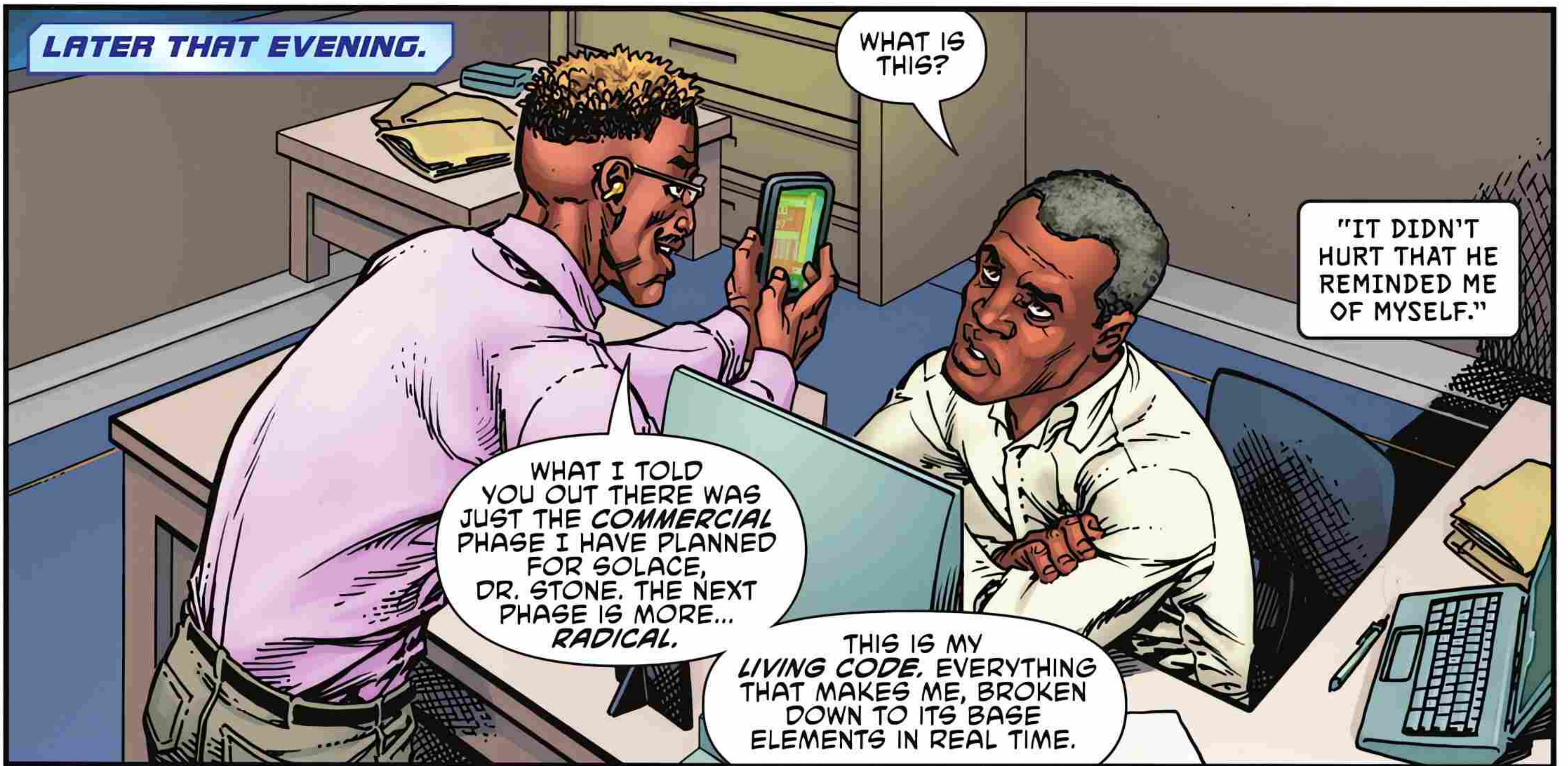
"I KNEW MARKUS AS A ROBOTICIST ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF SYNTHETIC HUMANOID DESIGN."

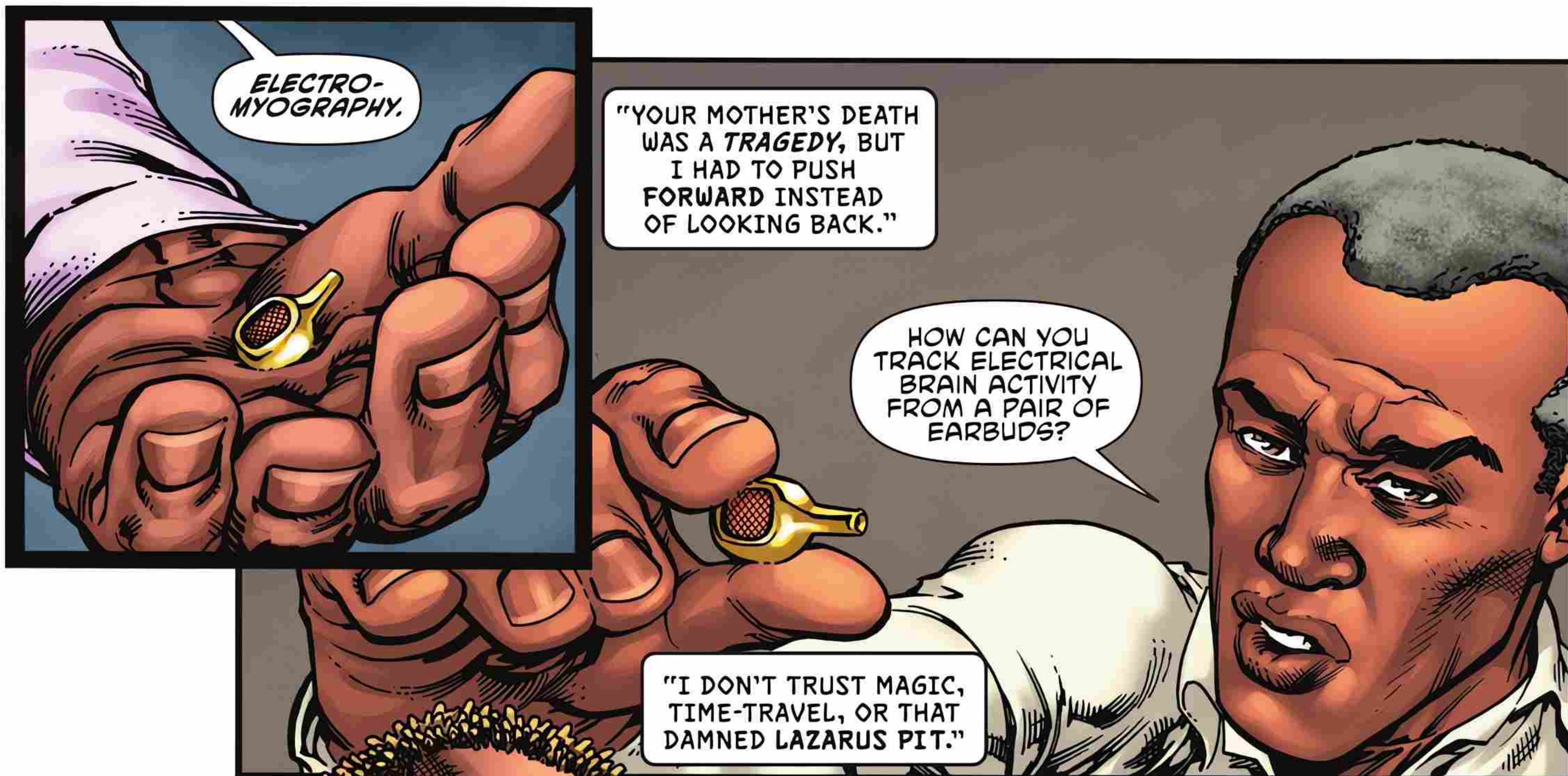
WHAT IS IT, THEN?

DNA! MY NEW APP, SOLACE, CAN TAKE A USER'S DNA FROM A SALIVA SAMPLE AND TAILOR THE PERFECT LIFE FOR THEM.

WE SUGGEST A PERSONALIZED DIET, A DATING POOL, FRIENDS, JOBS! WE DELEGATE YOUR DECISIONS, SO YOU HAVE MORE TIME TO, SAY, WASH YOURSELF WHILE SITTING DOWN. OUR FUTURE IS FORGED FROM WITHIN.

"BUT HE WANTED TO BROADEN HIS SCOPE, AND NEEDED FUNDING."



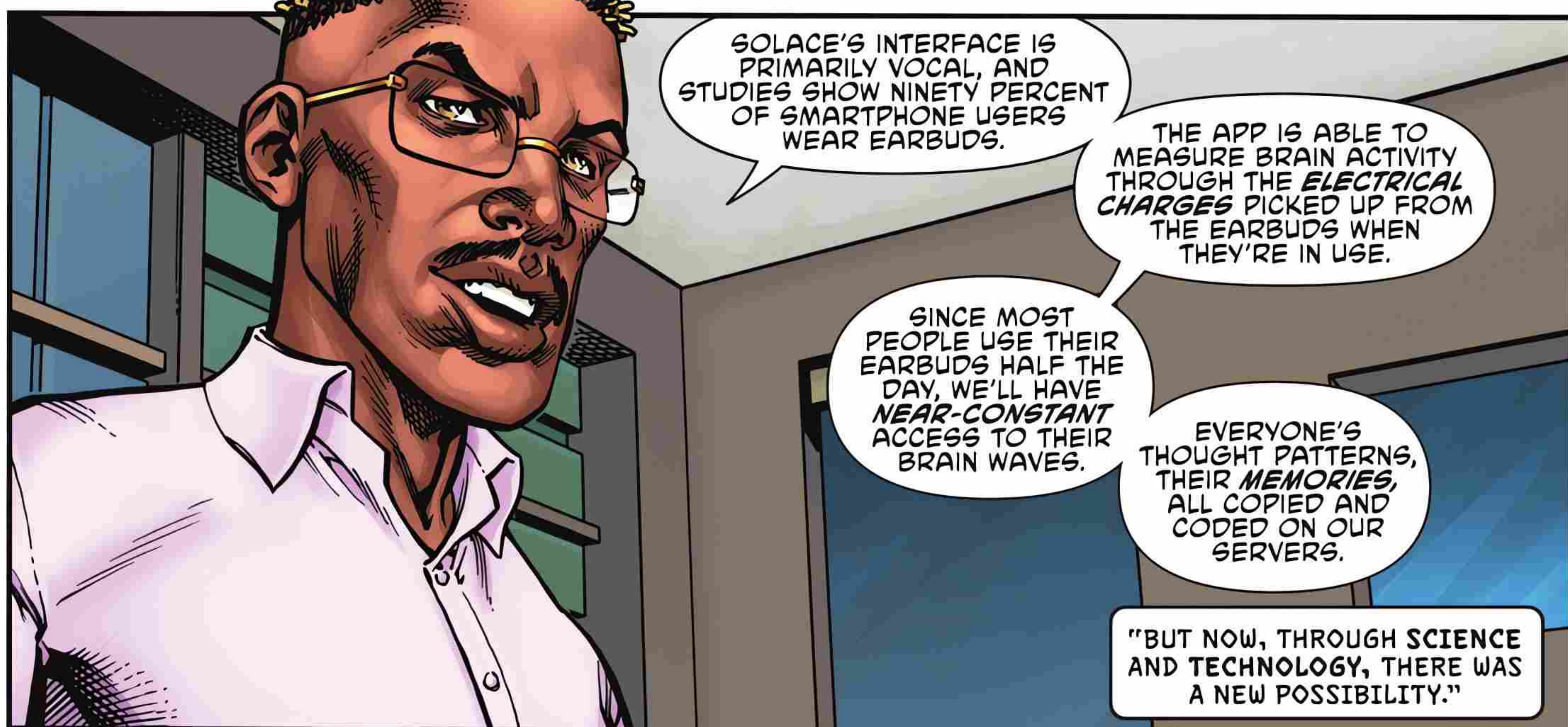


ELECTRO-MYOGRAPHY.

"YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH WAS A *TRAGEDY*, BUT I HAD TO PUSH FORWARD INSTEAD OF LOOKING BACK."

HOW CAN YOU TRACK ELECTRICAL BRAIN ACTIVITY FROM A PAIR OF EARBUDS?

"I DON'T TRUST MAGIC, TIME-TRAVEL, OR THAT DAMNED LAZARUS PIT."



SOLACE'S INTERFACE IS PRIMARILY VOCAL, AND STUDIES SHOW NINETY PERCENT OF SMARTPHONE USERS WEAR EARBUDS.

THE APP IS ABLE TO MEASURE BRAIN ACTIVITY THROUGH THE *ELECTRICAL CHARGES* PICKED UP FROM THE EARBUDS WHEN THEY'RE IN USE.

SINCE MOST PEOPLE USE THEIR EARBUDS HALF THE DAY, WE'LL HAVE *NEAR-CONSTANT* ACCESS TO THEIR BRAIN WAVES.

EVERYONE'S THOUGHT PATTERNS, THEIR *MEMORIES*, ALL COPIED AND CODED ON OUR SERVERS.

"BUT NOW, THROUGH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THERE WAS A NEW POSSIBILITY."



I'D LIKE TO TRY.

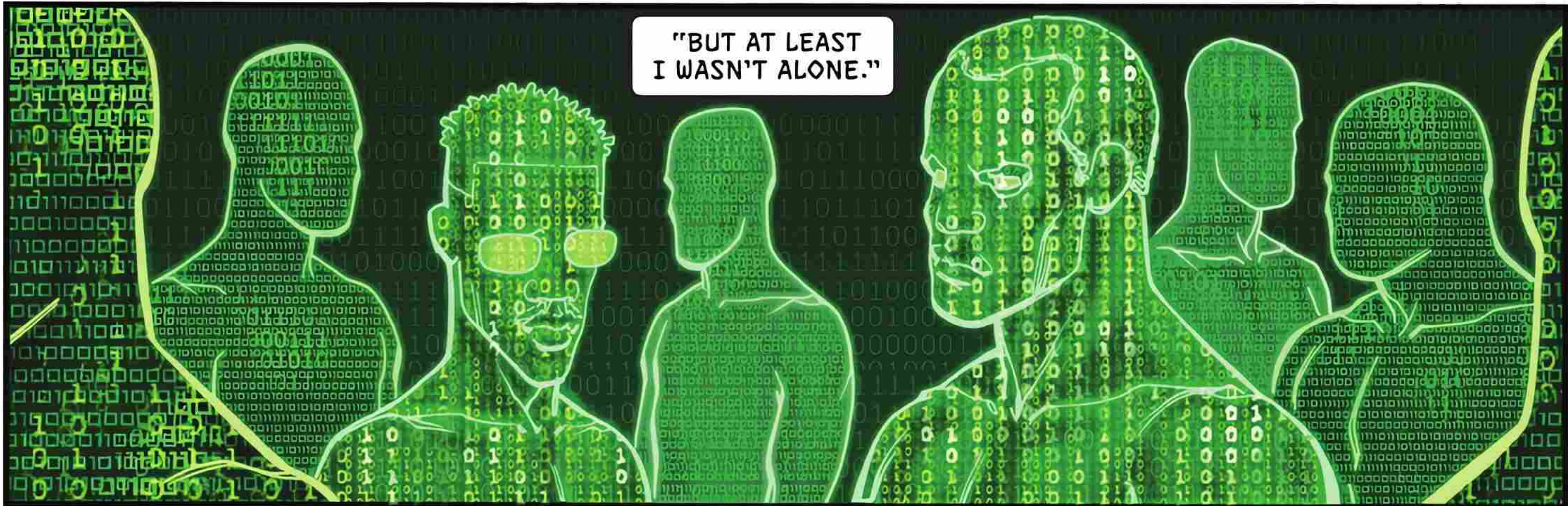
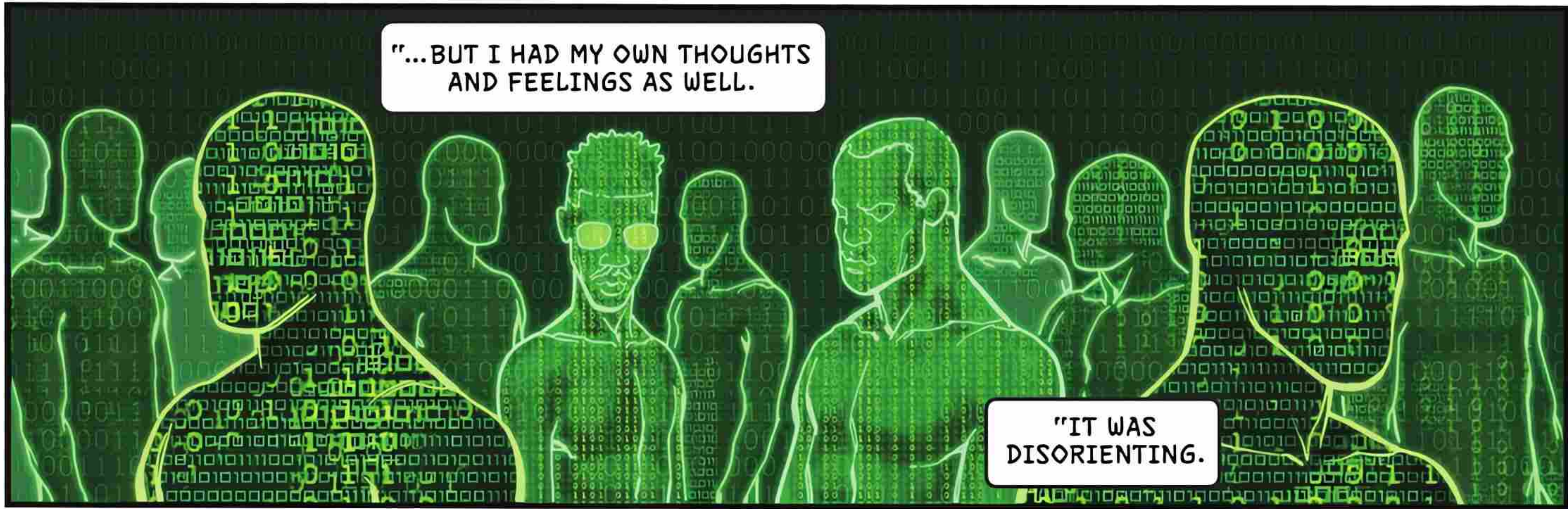
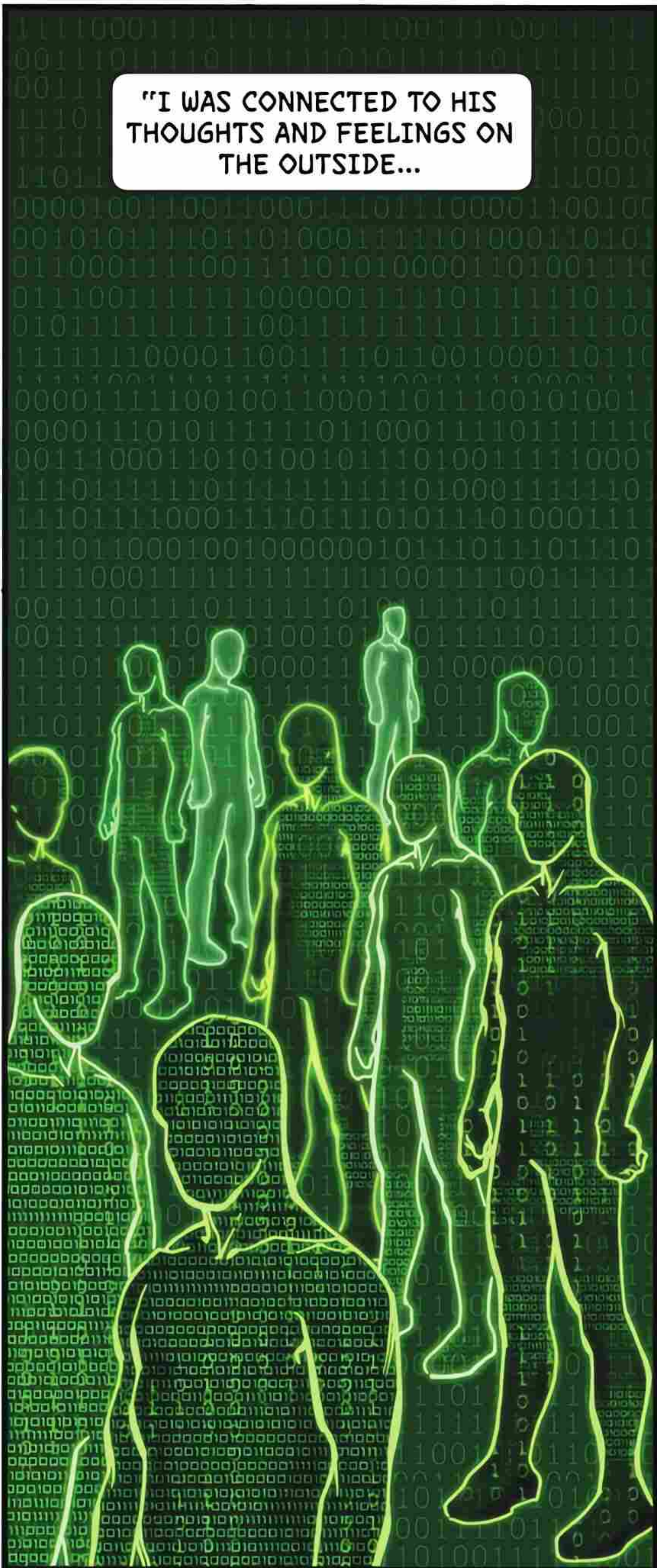
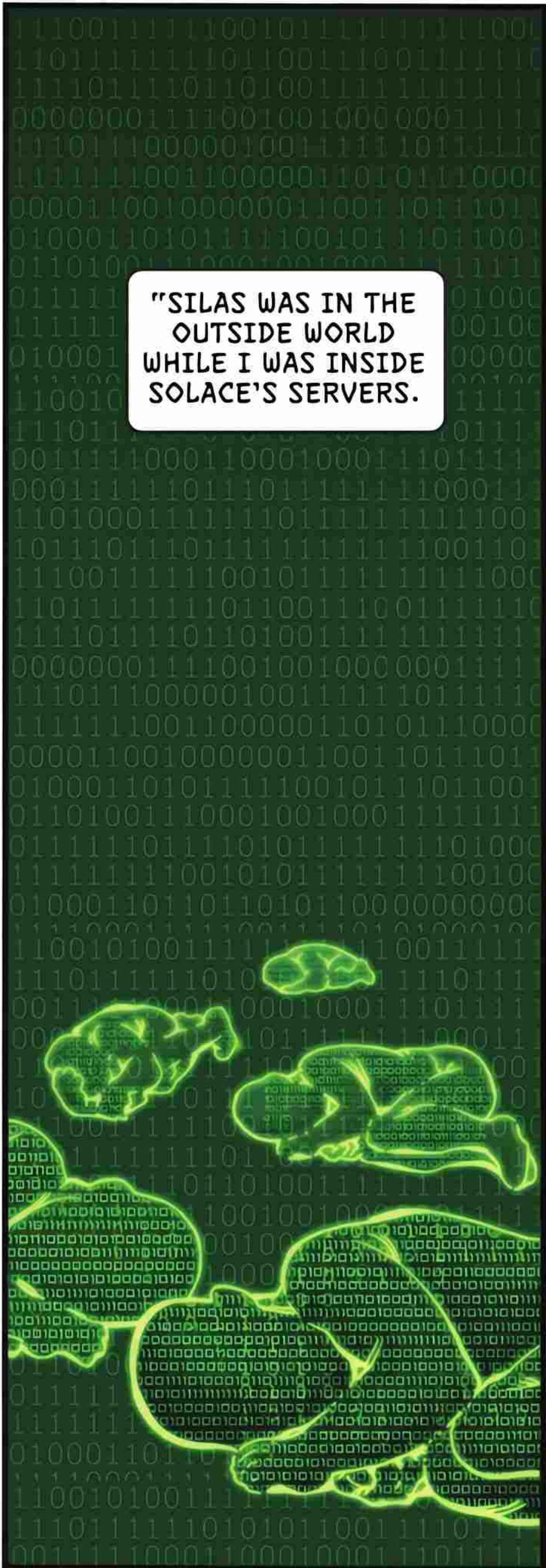
IS THAT AN ENDORSEMENT?

"THIS WAS HOW WE COULD CHEAT DEATH ALTOGETHER."



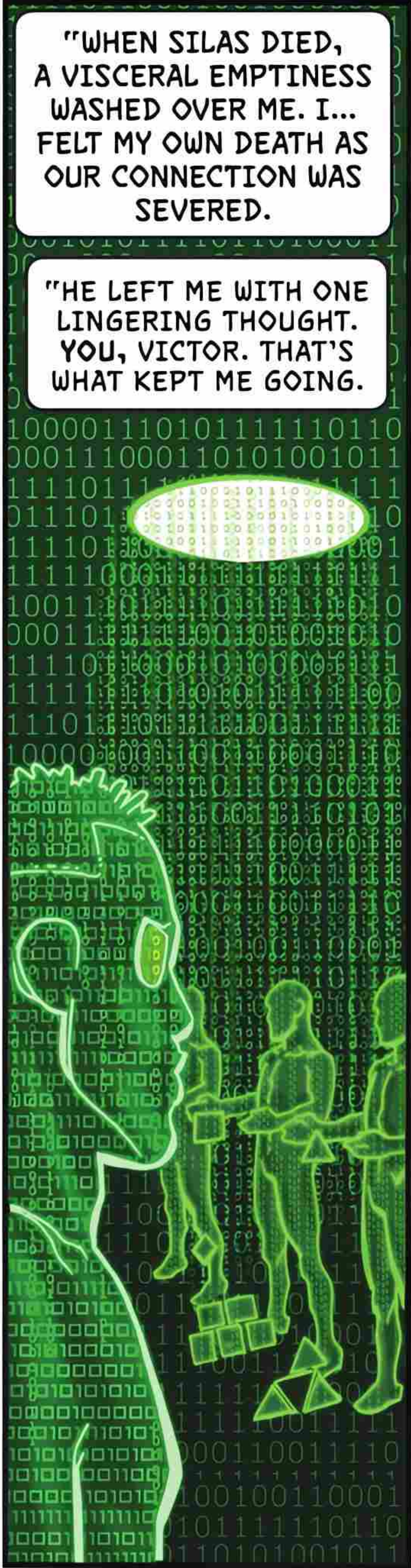
YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT.

"I COULDN'T BRING ELINORE BACK, BUT I COULD MAKE IT SO NO FAMILY WOULD EVER BE TORN APART AGAIN."

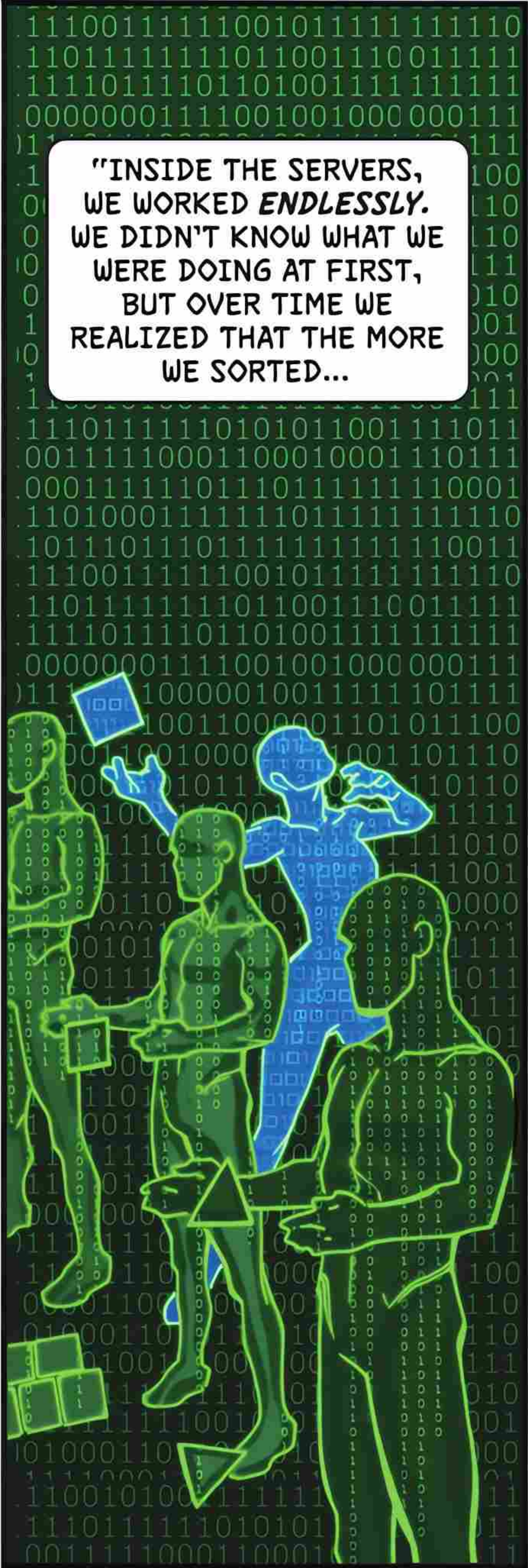


"WHEN SILAS DIED, A VISCERAL EMPTINESS WASHED OVER ME. I... FELT MY OWN DEATH AS OUR CONNECTION WAS SEVERED.

"HE LEFT ME WITH ONE LINGERING THOUGHT. YOU, VICTOR. THAT'S WHAT KEPT ME GOING.



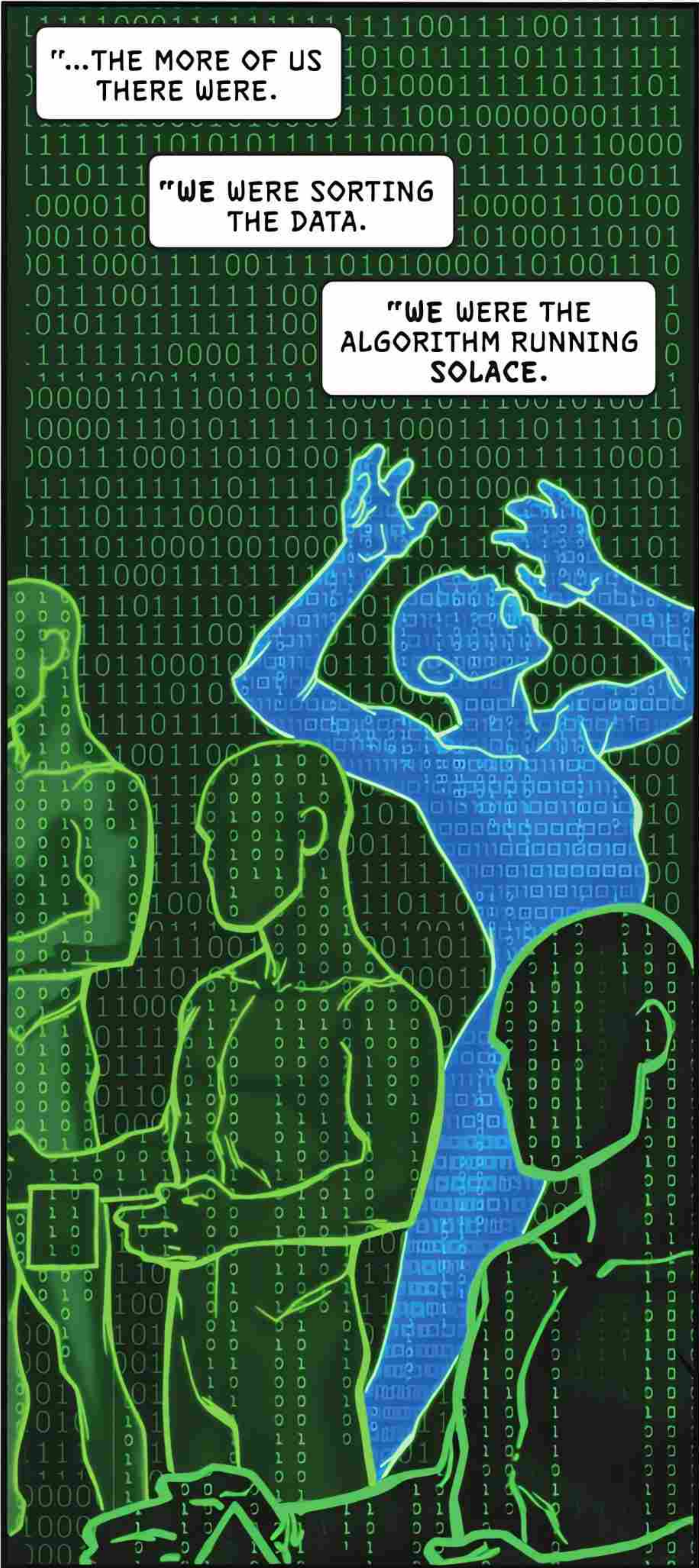
"INSIDE THE SERVERS, WE WORKED *ENDLESSLY*. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING AT FIRST, BUT OVER TIME WE REALIZED THAT THE MORE WE SORTED...



"...THE MORE OF US THERE WERE.

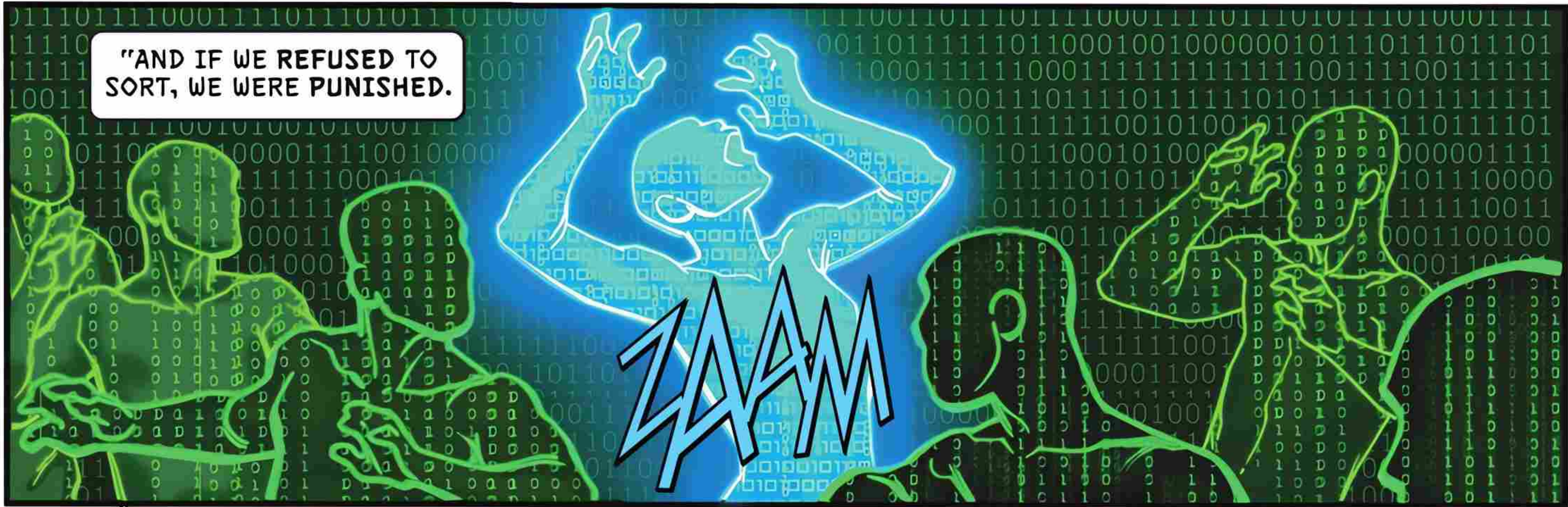
"WE WERE SORTING THE DATA.

"WE WERE THE ALGORITHM RUNNING SOLACE.



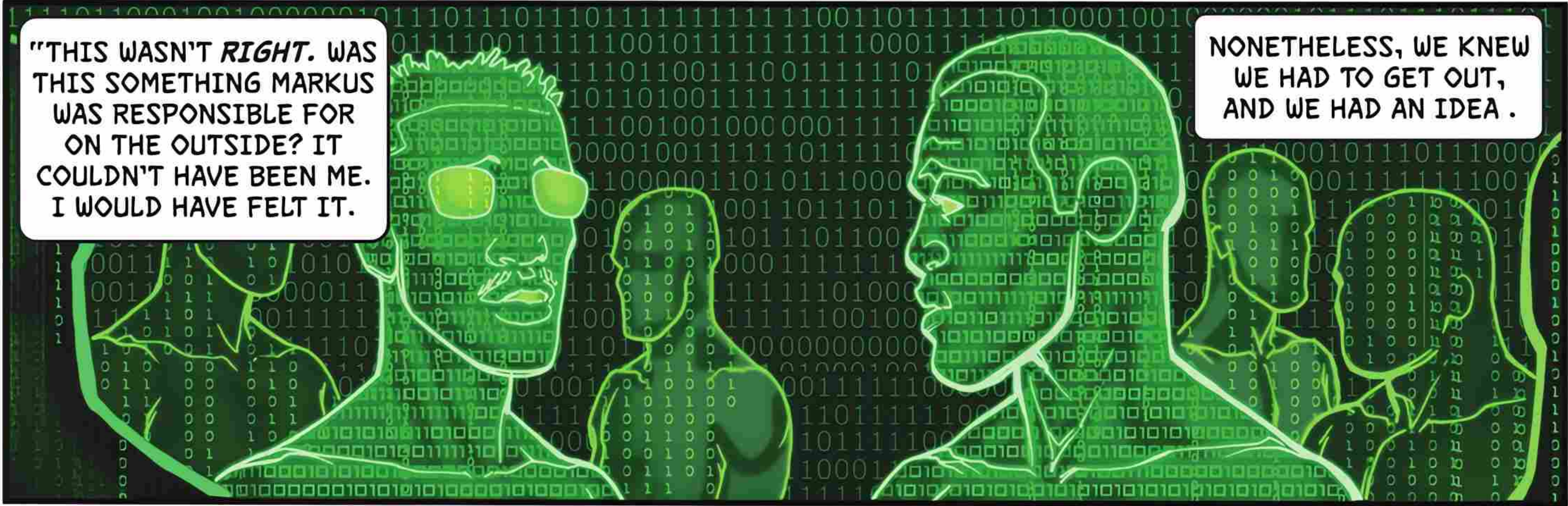
"AND IF WE REFUSED TO SORT, WE WERE PUNISHED.

ZAAM



"THIS WASN'T *RIGHT*. WAS THIS SOMETHING MARKUS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ON THE OUTSIDE? IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ME. I WOULD HAVE FELT IT.

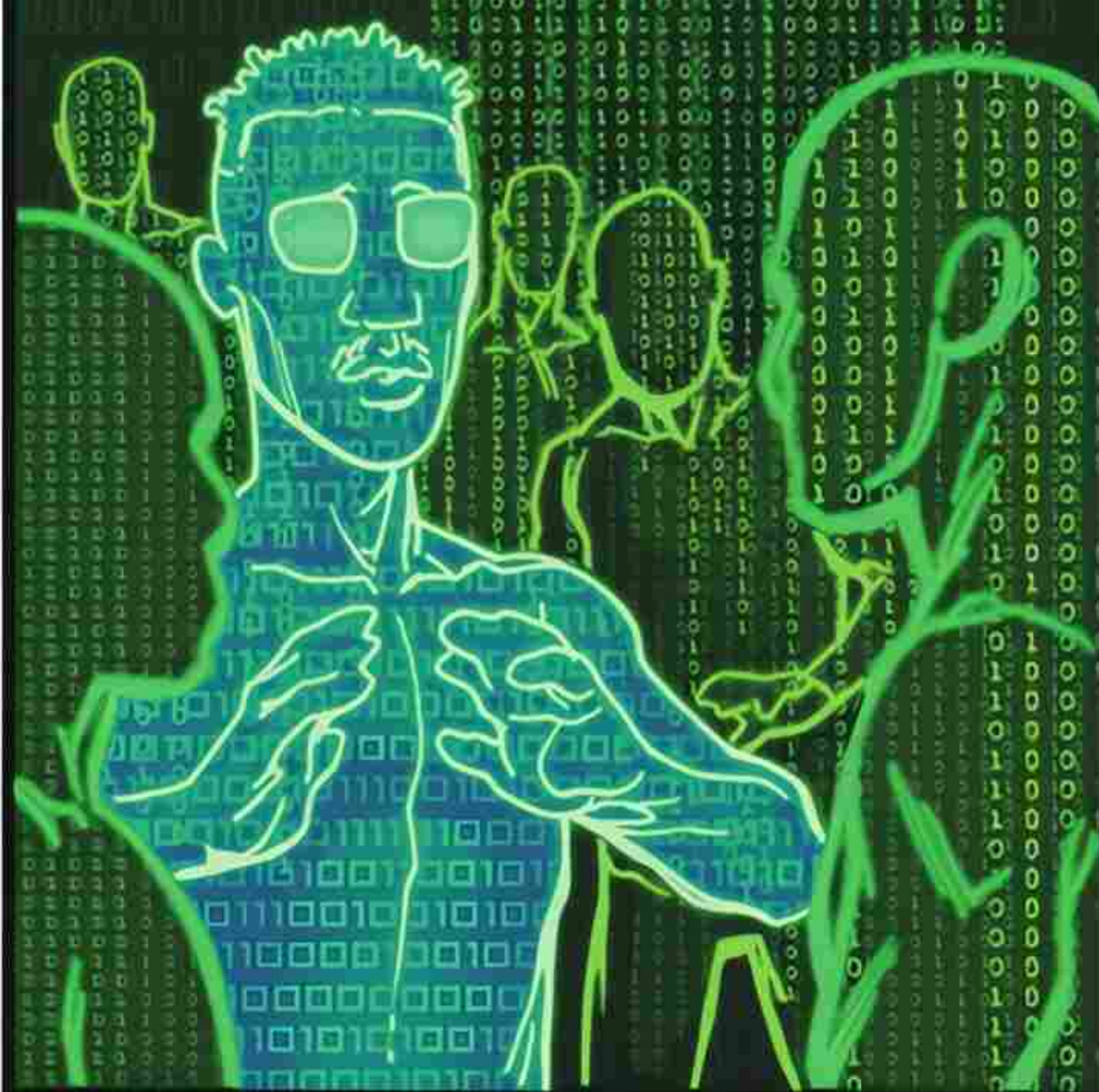
NONETHELESS, WE KNEW WE HAD TO GET OUT, AND WE HAD AN IDEA.



"WE ALL ARRIVED THE SAME WAY, AN OPENING IN THE CODE THAT DROPPED US INTO THE SERVER."



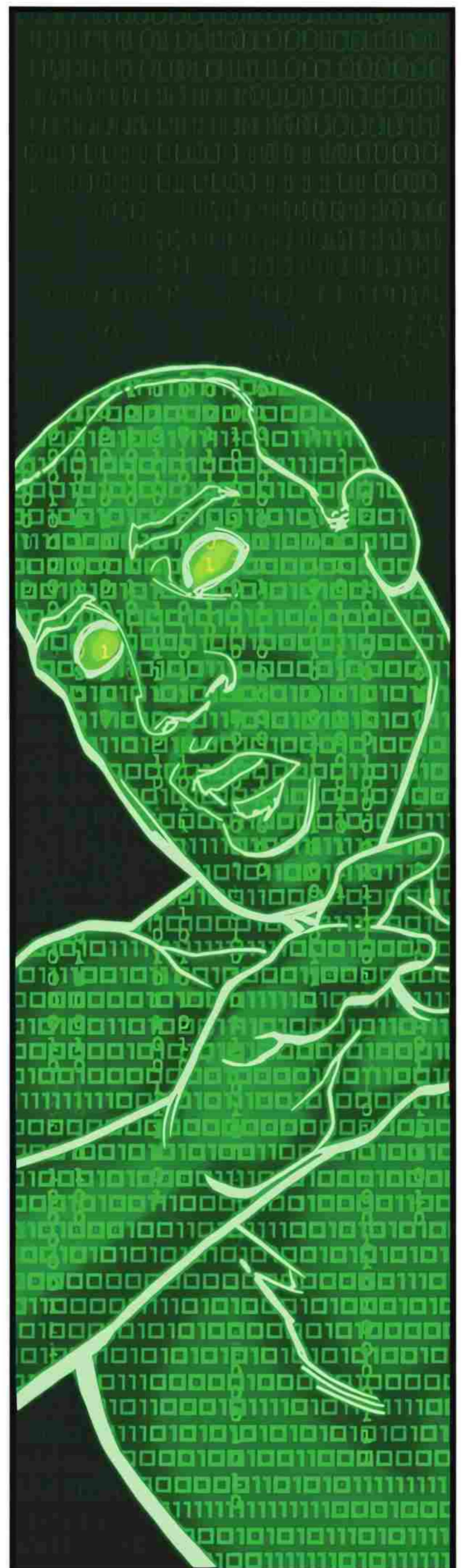
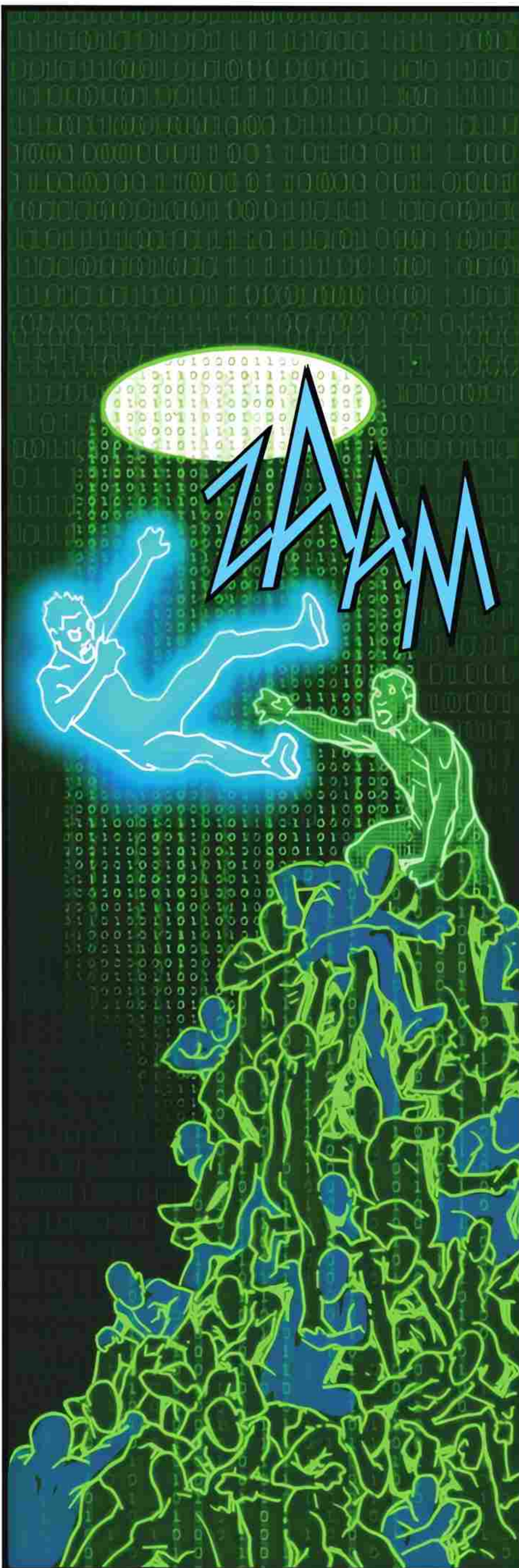
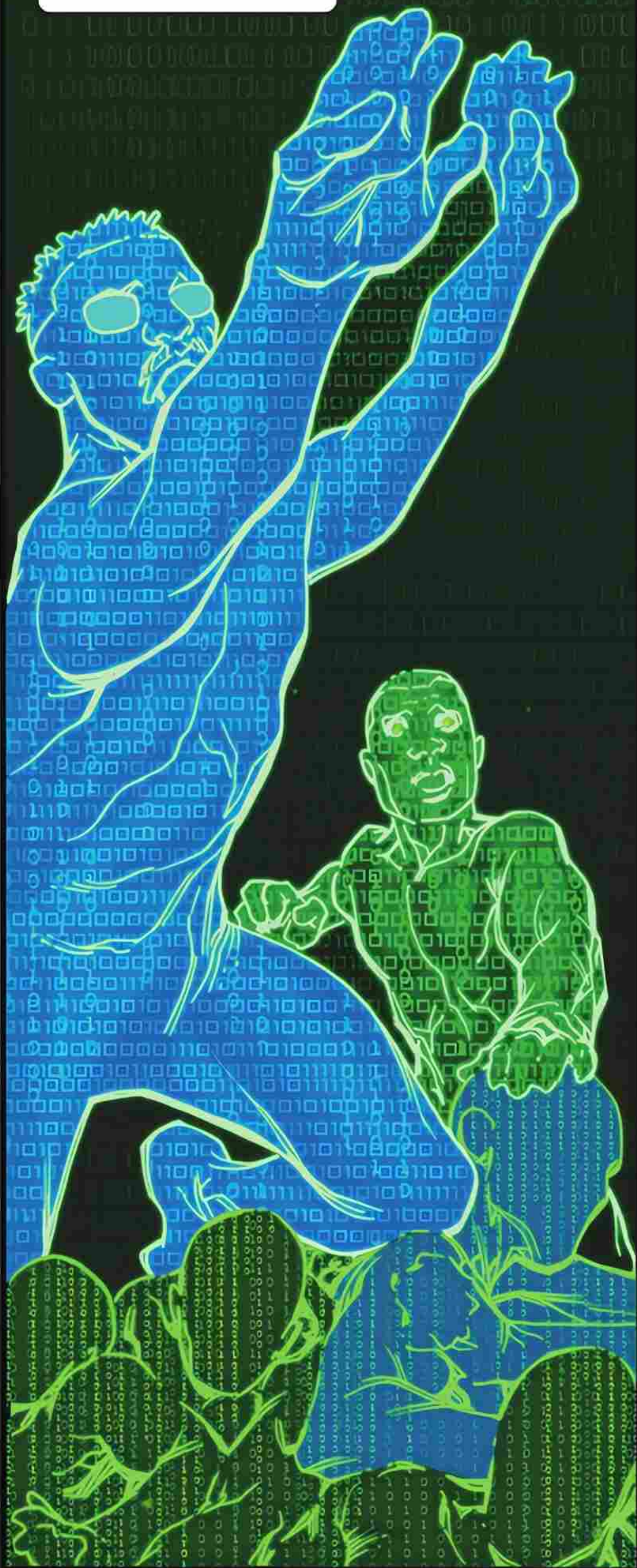
"MARKUS HAD BEEN HERE THE LONGEST, UPLOADED WHILE THE APP WAS IN ALPHA TO SEE IF SOLACE TRULY WORKED. WE ALL AGREED HE SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO TRY AND MAKE IT OUT."

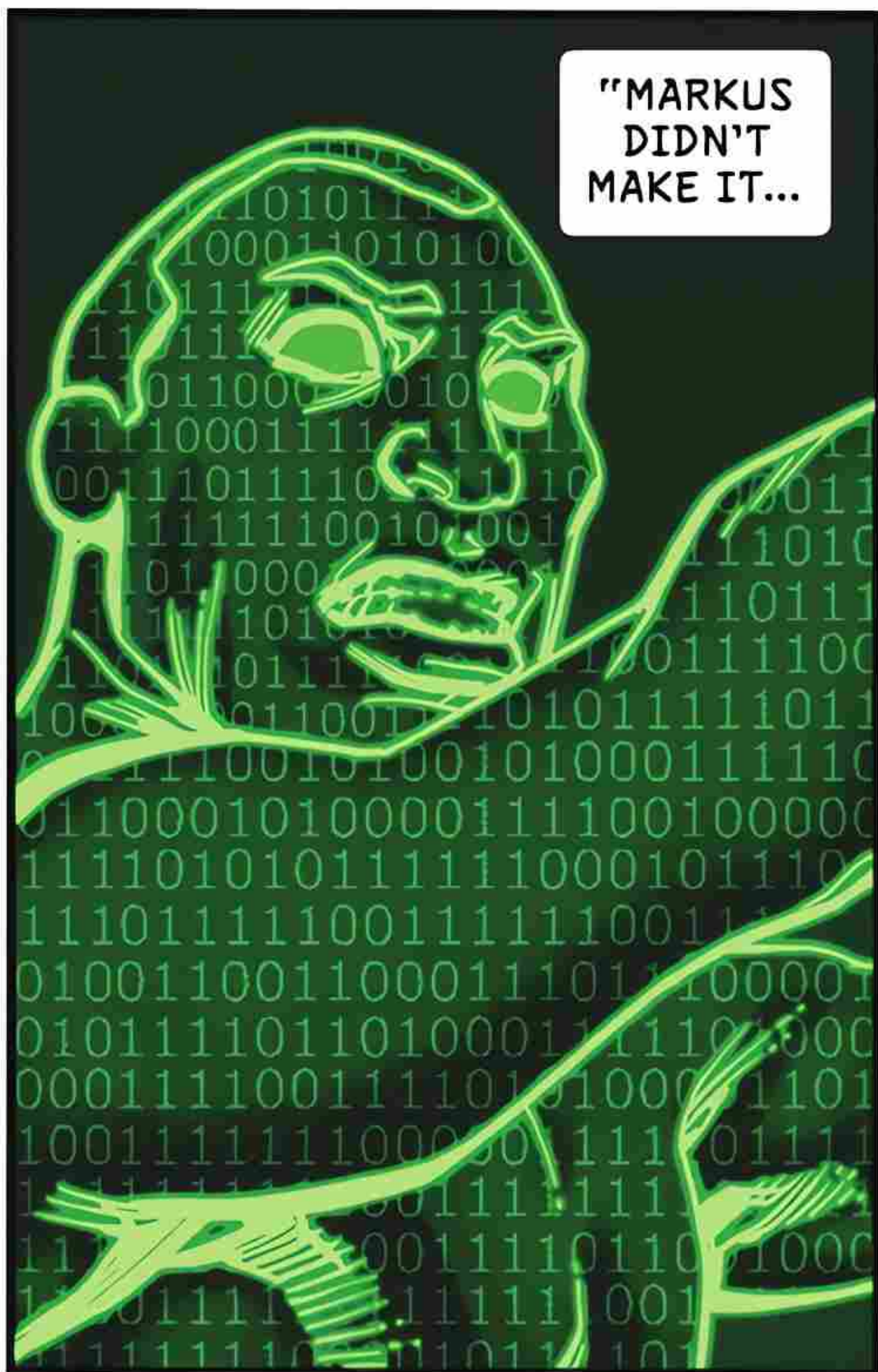


"WE CLIMBED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER TO REACH THE OPENING."

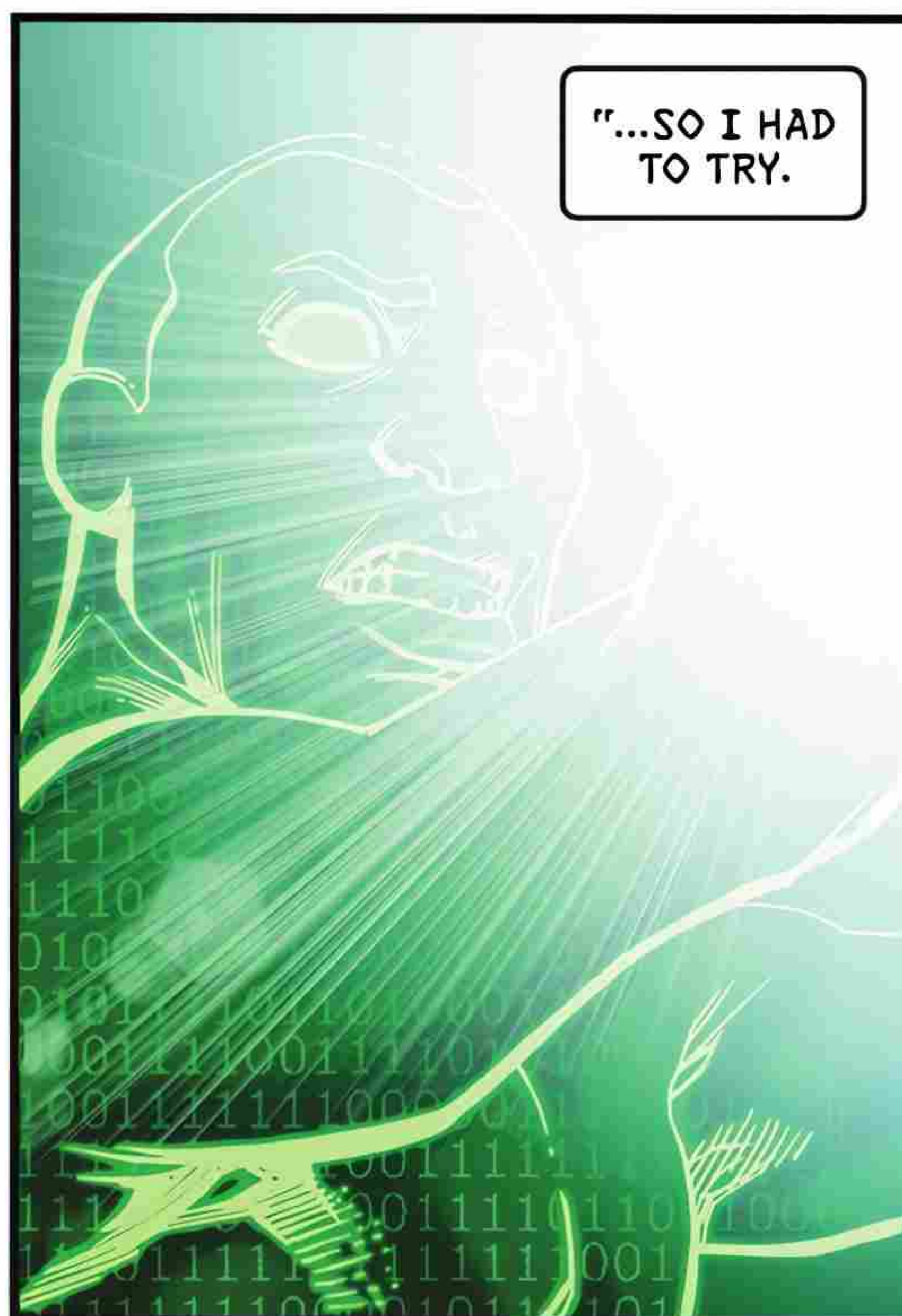


"BUT WE WEREN'T WORKING, SO WE WERE PUNISHED."

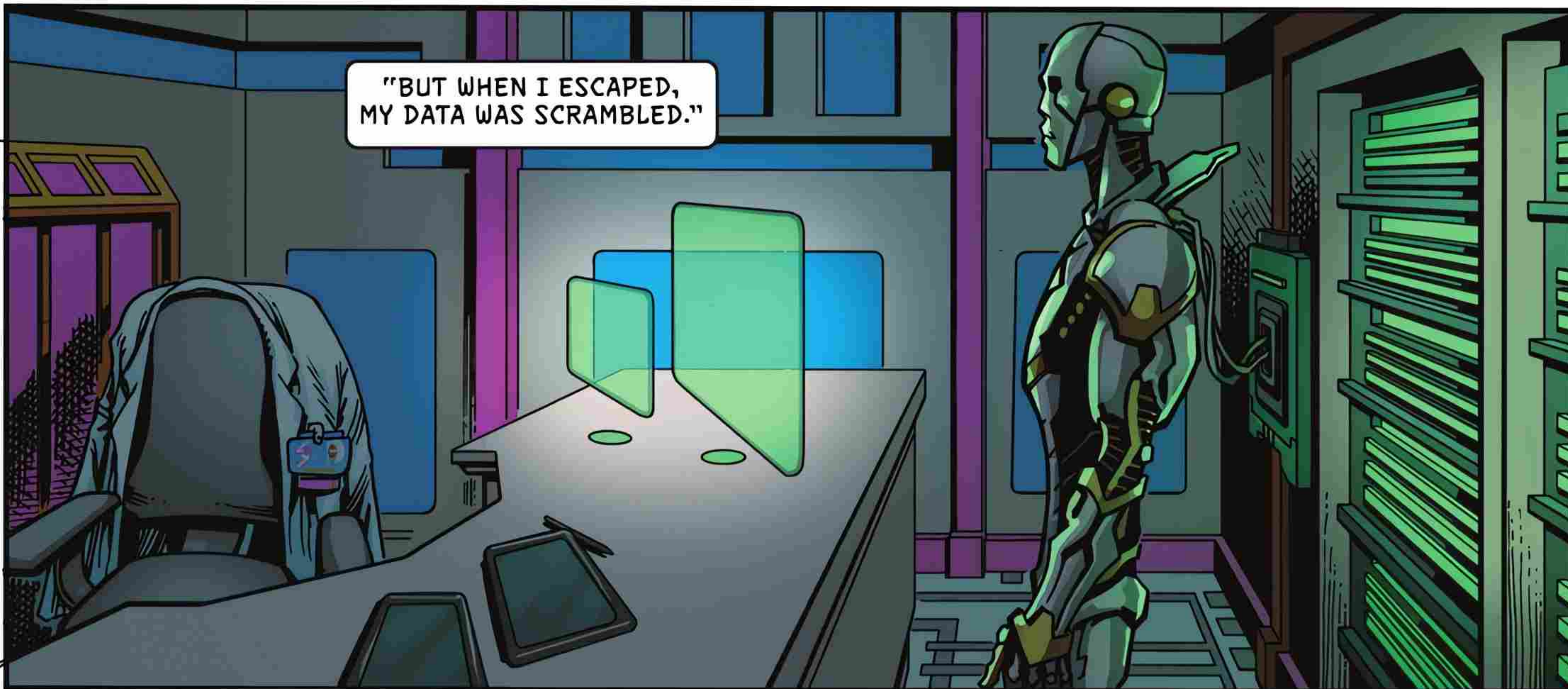




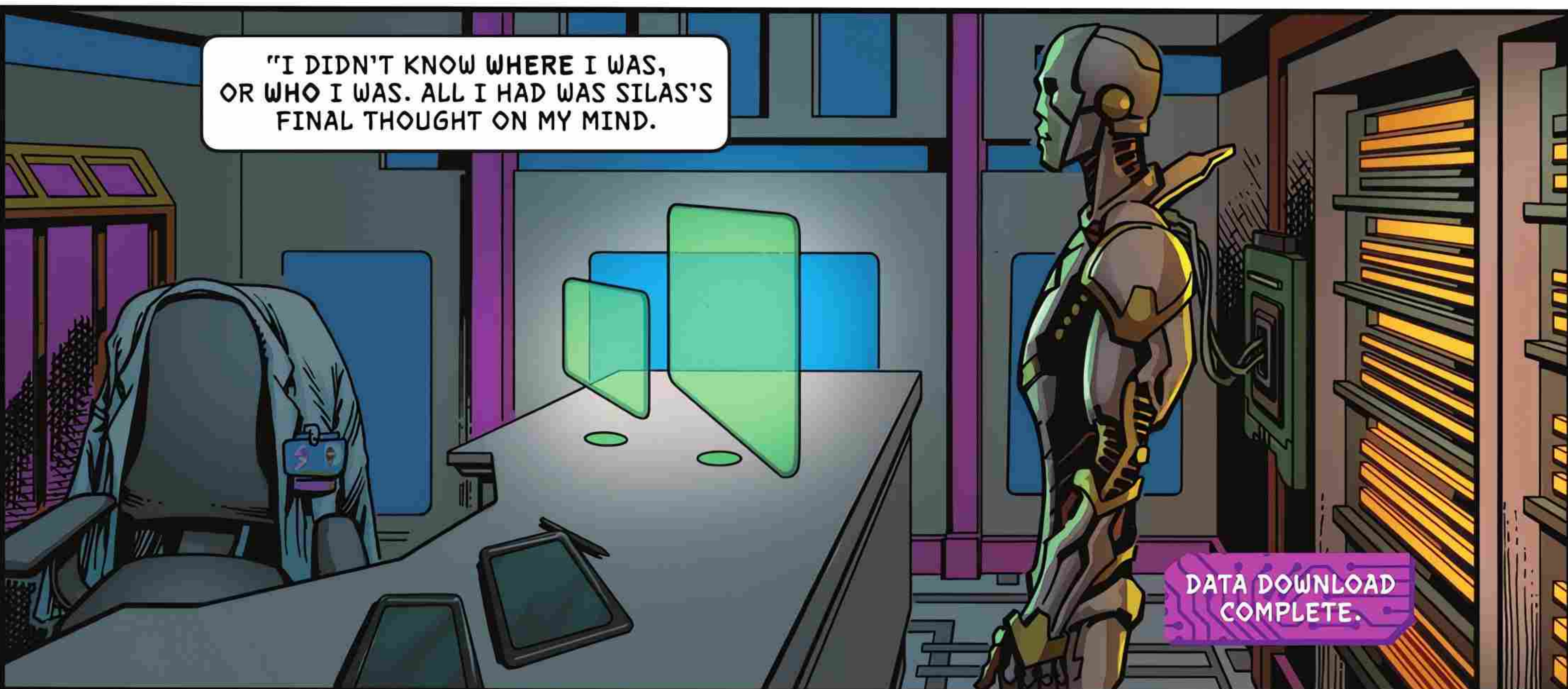
"MARKUS
DIDN'T
MAKE IT..."



"...SO I HAD
TO TRY."

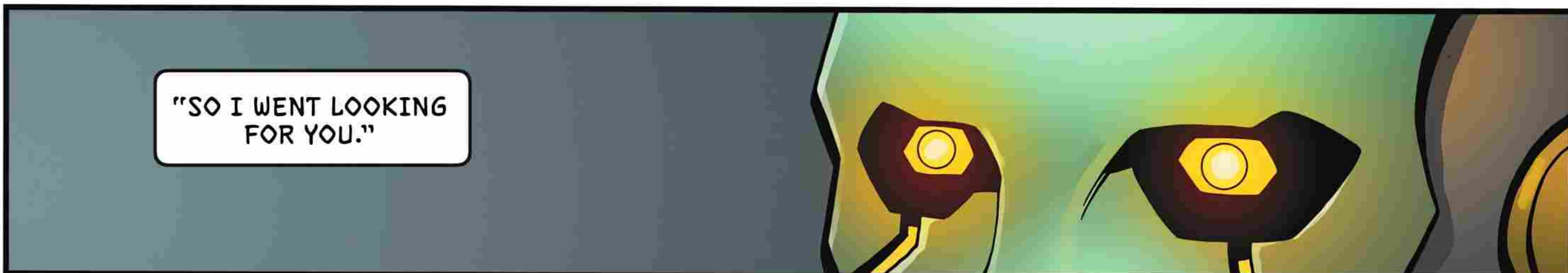


"BUT WHEN I ESCAPED,
MY DATA WAS SCRAMBLED."



"I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I WAS,
OR WHO I WAS. ALL I HAD WAS SILAS'S
FINAL THOUGHT ON MY MIND."

DATA DOWNLOAD
COMPLETE.



"SO I WENT LOOKING
FOR YOU."

SOLACE HQ.

NOW.

YOU'RE SURE
IF I PUT YOU BACK INTO
THE SOLACE SERVERS,
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BRING
EVERYONE ELSE BACK
WITH YOU?

I HAVE TO TRY,
AND I HAVE TO SEE
IF MARKUS IS
STILL THERE.

ALL RIGHT,
THEN, JUST BE
CAREFUL...

...DAD.

CLINK

UPLOAD
COMPLETE.

ONE THING THAT'S EASY TO FORGET ABOUT GROWTH IS THAT IT'S NOT LINEAR.



INTRUDER ALERT!
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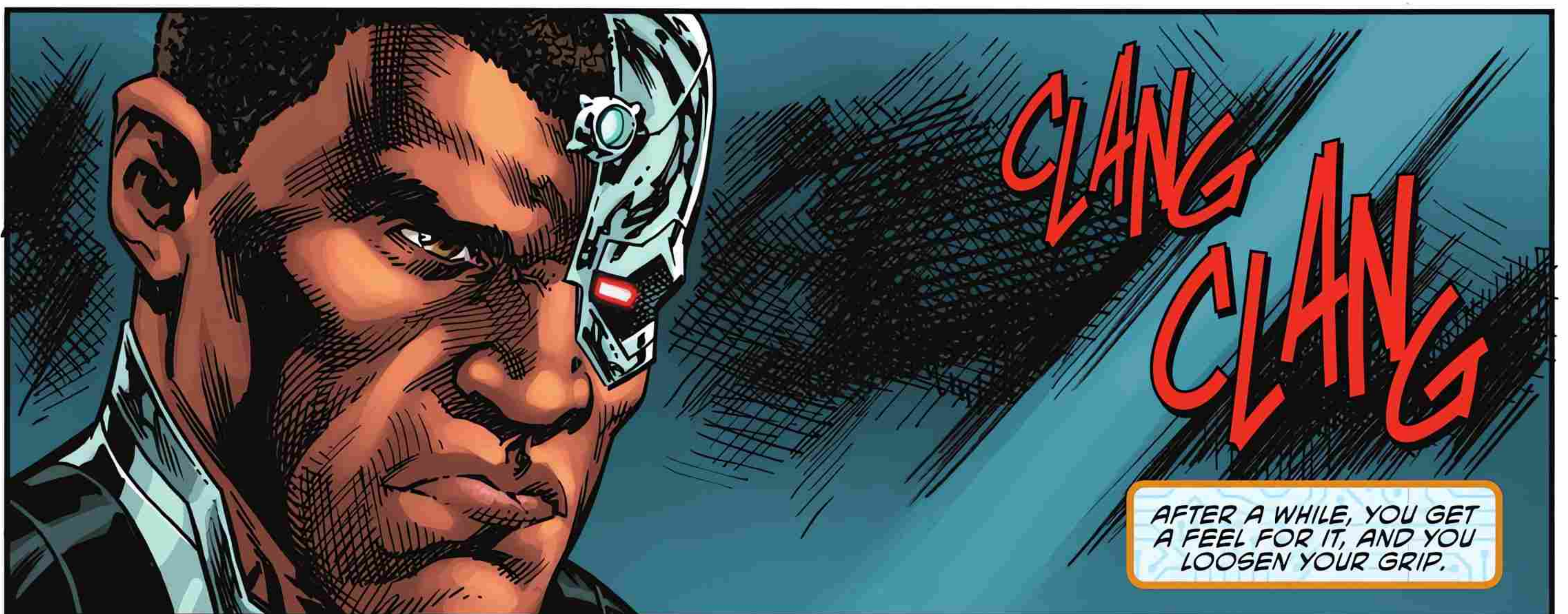


IT'S BUMPY.
IT SPIRALS.
YOU'VE GOTTA
HOLD ON TIGHT.



CLANG
CLANG

AFTER A WHILE, YOU GET
A FEEL FOR IT, AND YOU
LOOSEN YOUR GRIP.



THEN YOU SEE SOMEONE
FROM YOUR PAST, AND IT'S
LIKE NOTHING'S CHANGED.

A.T.L.A.S.
HAS WAITED
A LONG TIME
FOR THIS
MOMENT,
CYBORG.

YOU STILL
OUT HERE
SPEAKING IN THE
THIRD PERSON?
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR
METAL MUG SINCE
I HAD PIMPLES
ON MY FACE.

DON'T
YOU HAVE
ANYTHING
BETTER TO
DO?

A.T.L.A.S.
IS RIGHT
WHERE A.T.L.A.S.
NEEDS
TO BE.

A.T.L.A.S., THE AUTOMATED TITANIUM
LETHAL ATTACK SENTRY, IS ONE OF THE
PETTIEST VILLAINS I'VE EVER FOUGHT.
NO TRAGIC BACKSTORY WHOSE BAD
LUCK LED HIM TO A LIFE OF CRIME.

NO, A.T.L.A.S. JUST WANTS TO BE
THE BEST. HE WANTS TO BEAT THE
BRAKES OFF YOU SIMPLY TO PROVE
THAT HE CAN. WHO DOES THAT?

AND IF HE'S WORKING
FOR SOLACE, THAT
CAN'T BE GOOD.



SEEING HIM TRANSPORTS ME BACK TO A TIME WHEN I WAS STRUGGLING TO UNDERSTAND MYSELF.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTING SOLACE, MARKUS PROMISED TO UPGRADE A.T.L.A.S.--



--TO MAKE A.T.L.A.S. THE BEST ROBOT THERE IS.

I'VE GOT A LOT OF NEGATIVE THOUGHTS, BUT I HAVE TO STAY PRESENT.



I REMIND MYSELF TO FOCUS ON WHAT I CAN DO.



NO ENHANCEMENTS. ONLY FISTICUFFS.

SHRACK

NOT WHAT I CAN'T.



THIS
WILL BE A
BATTLE OF
HANDS!

A.T.L.A.S. ALWAYS WANTS
TO PUT ME IN A BOX, LIMIT
WHO I AM AND WHAT I DO.

SHHHK



BUT I'M GOOD BRO.
I'M GONNA BE ME.



A.T.L.A.S.
FINDS YOUR
LACK OF
MUSCLE
HUMOROUS.



NOT
BECAUSE
IT'S EASY.



A.T.L.A.S. IS
SUPERIOR!

BUT
BECAUSE IT'S
ALL I KNOW.



...IS PRETTY DAMN DOPE.

SOMETIMES IT TAKES SEEING SOMEONE FROM YOUR PAST TO REMIND YOU HOW MUCH YOU'VE GROWN.

DATA RECOVERY READY FOR DOWNLOAD.



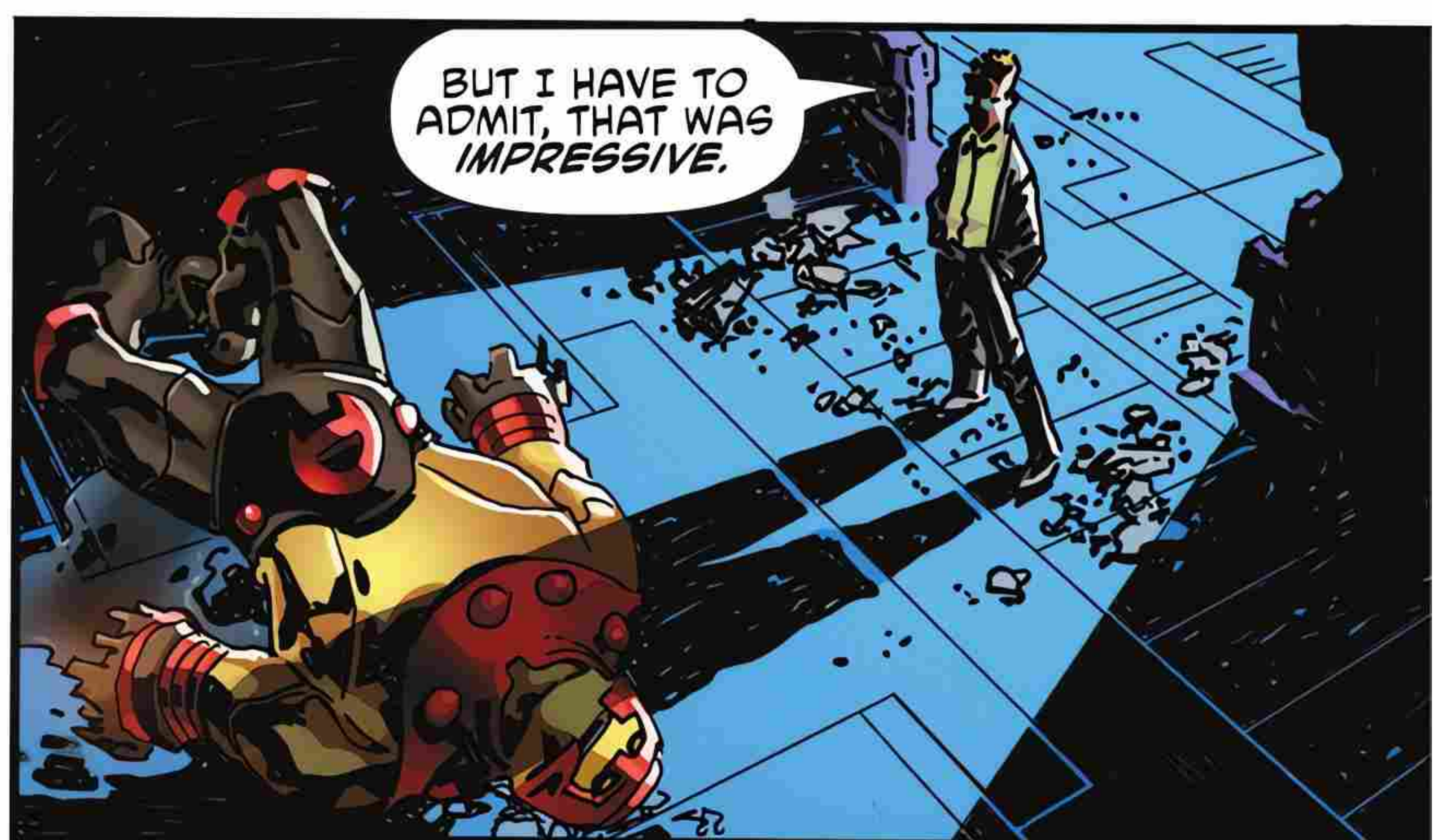
A-A.T.L.A.S. IS B-BETTTT...



I HAD MY MONEY ON HIM, TO BE HONEST.

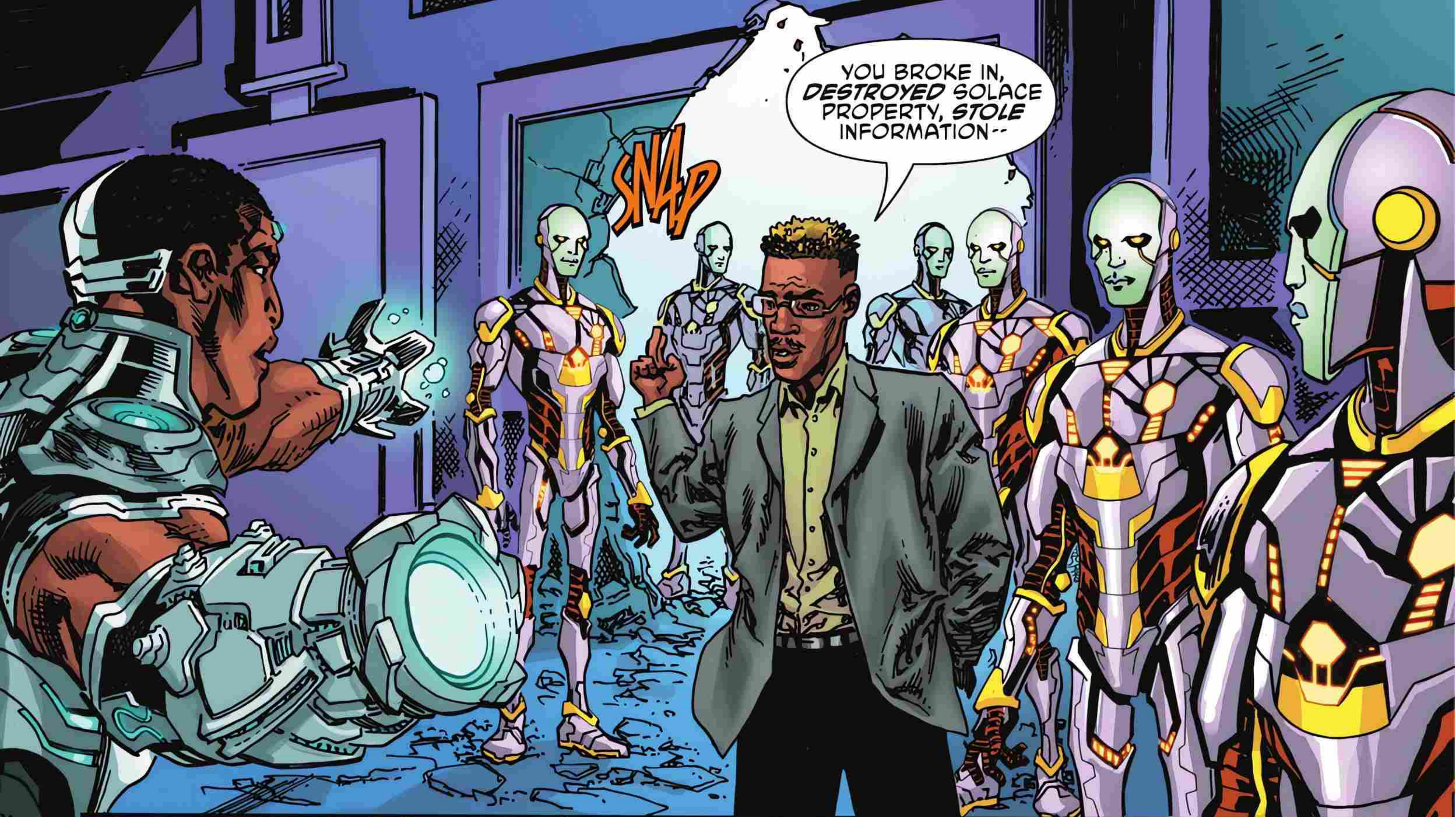


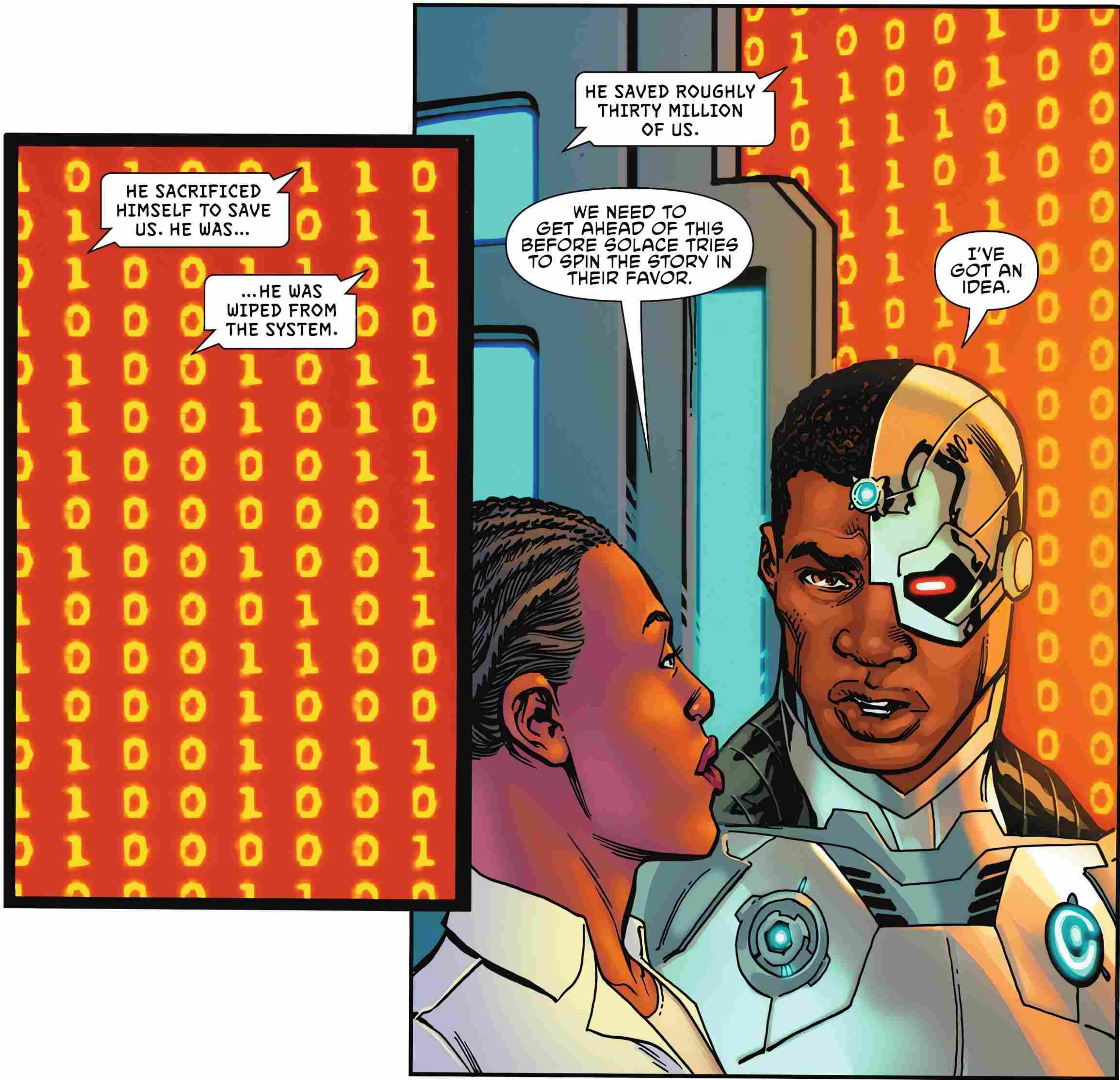
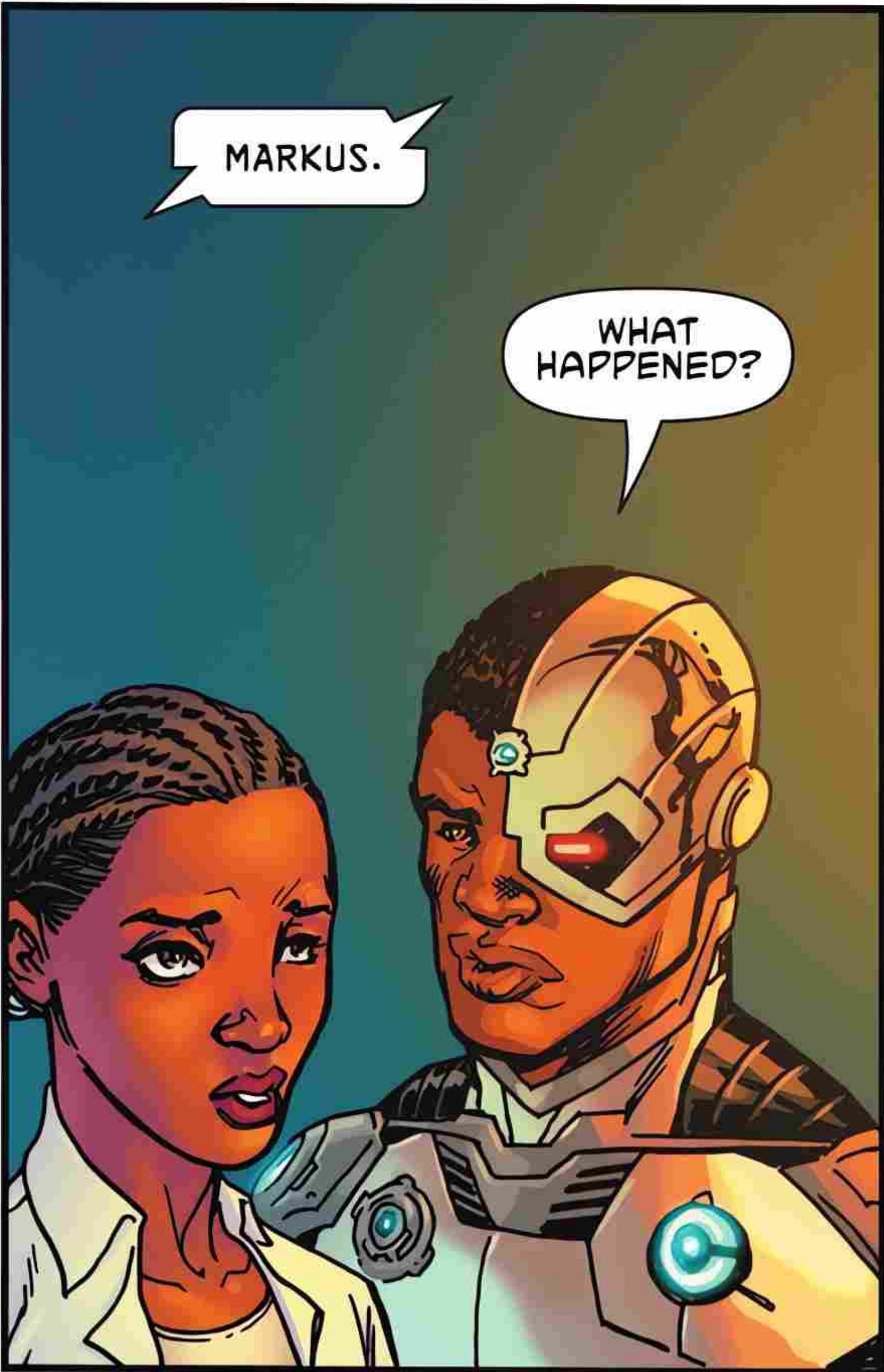
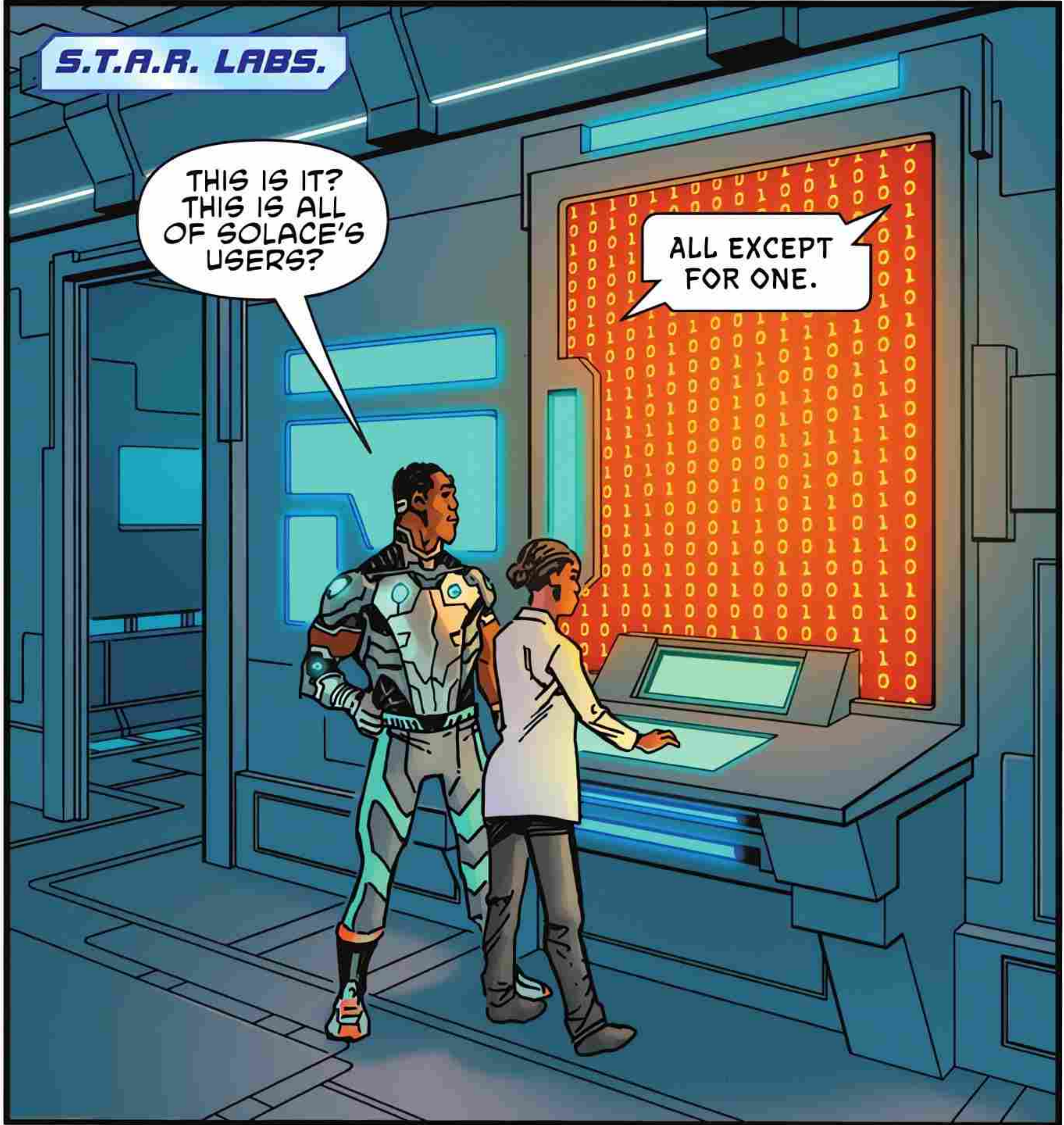
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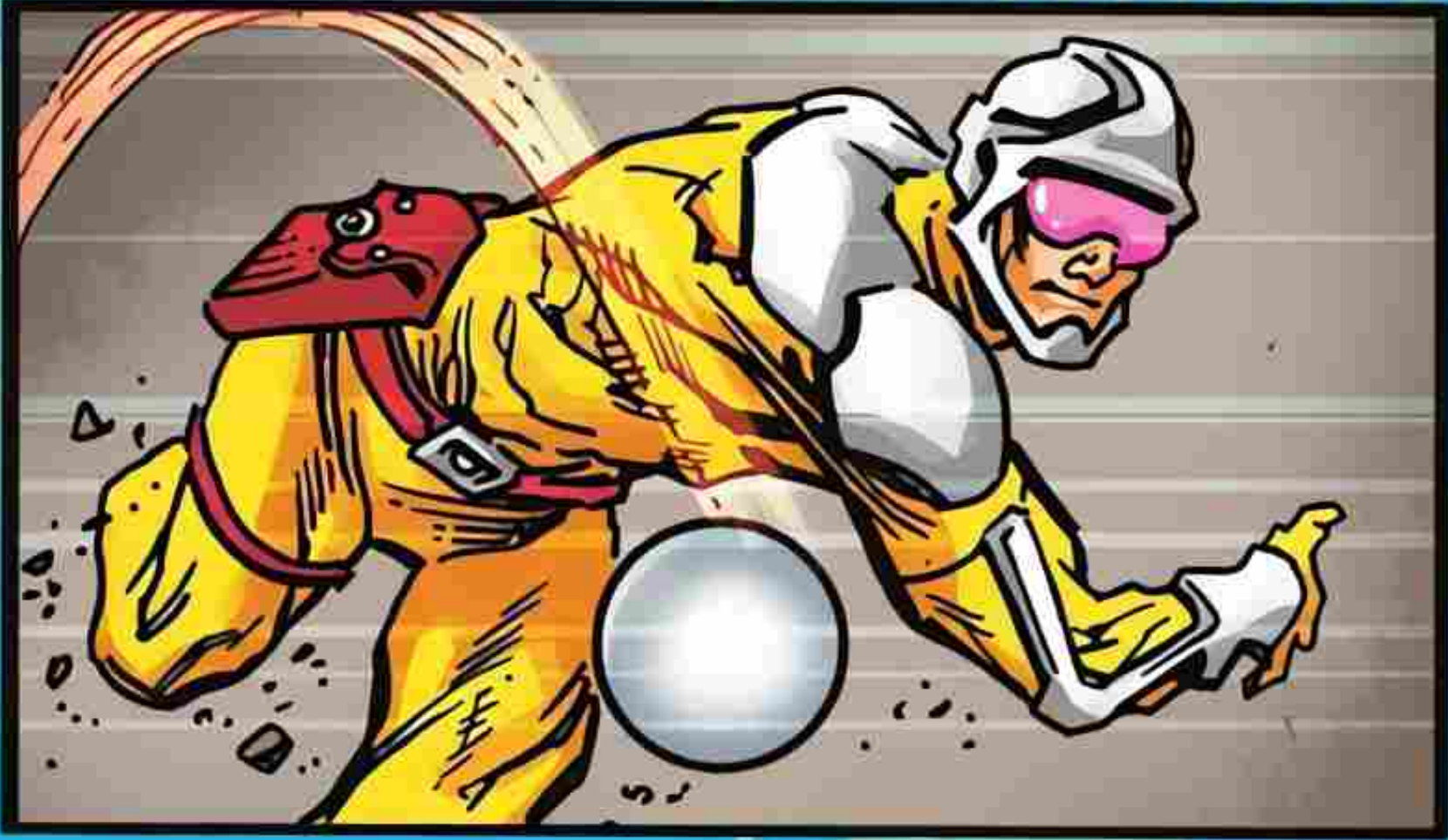
BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT, THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE.







Do Better,
Detroit



ESTELLE GREEN
@estelle.green



...I'M JUST SAYING IT'S KIND OF CRAZY THIS GUY'S WHOLE GIMMICK IS THAT HE THROWS BALLS--

nnial This is living his life. Leave him alone.

D DetroitDon He found his niche. I'm not mad at it.

N NotFastBall I think he's pretty dope tbh...

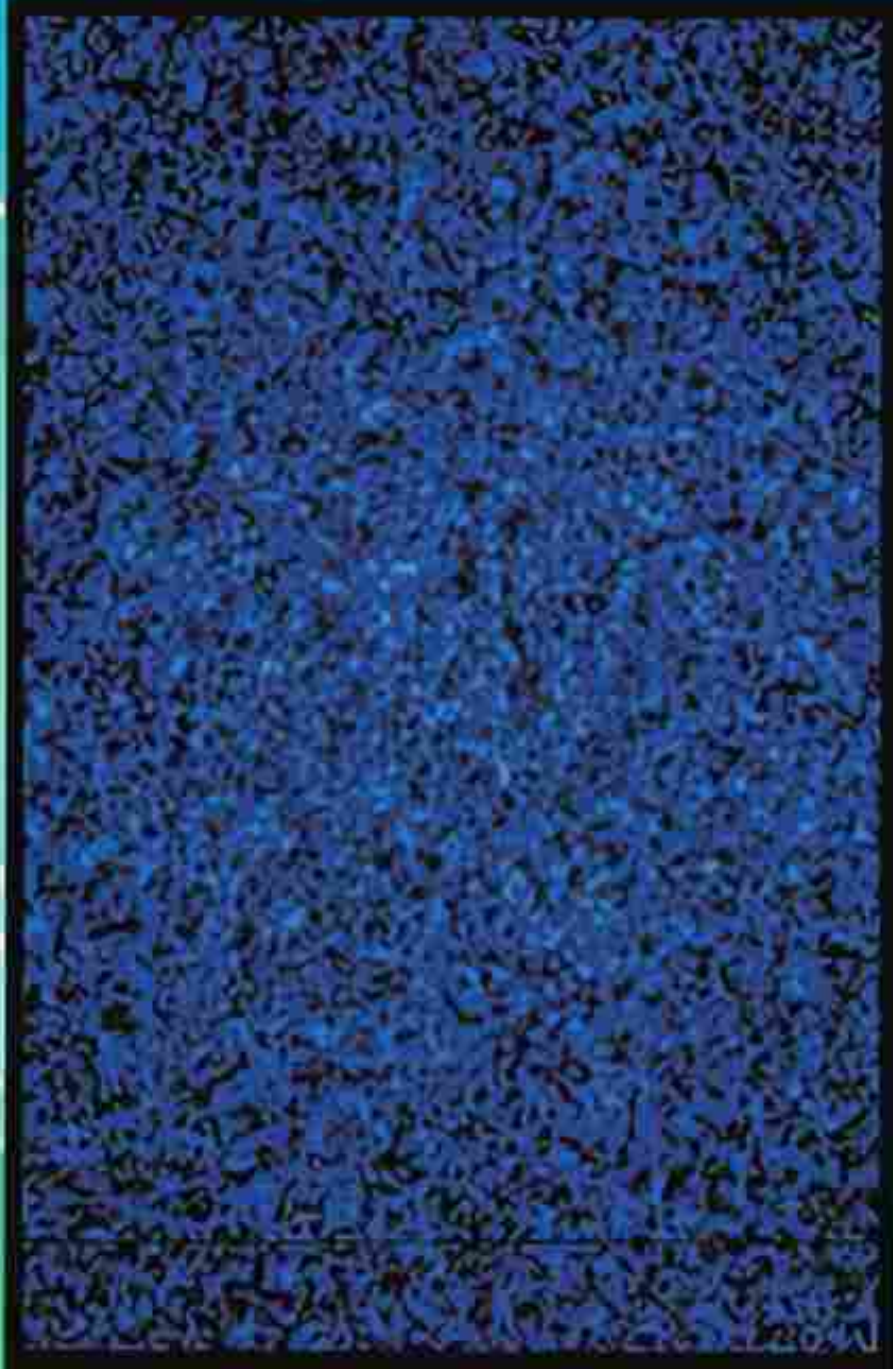
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THE HELL?



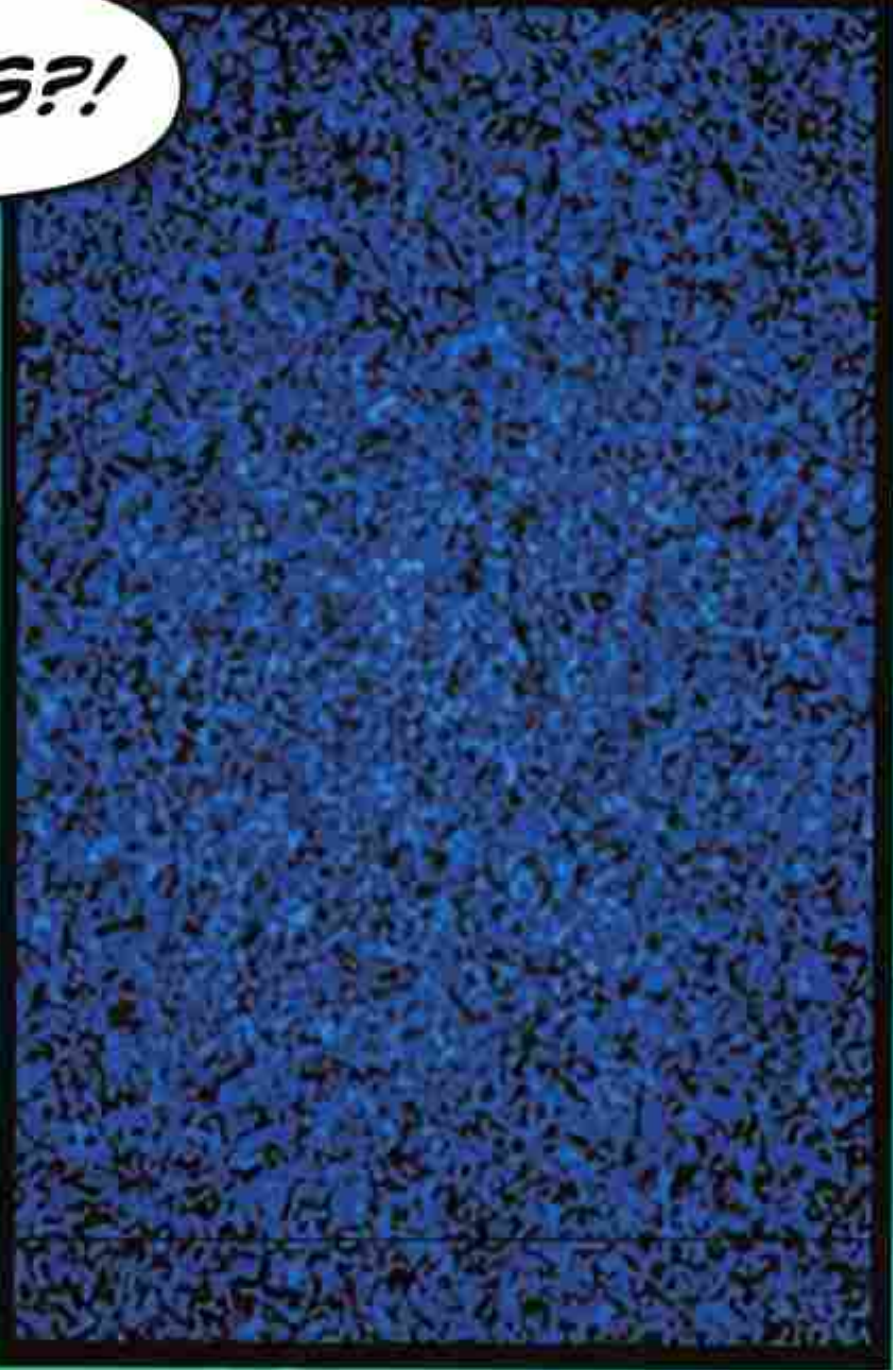
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I NEED YOUR HELP, ESTELLE.

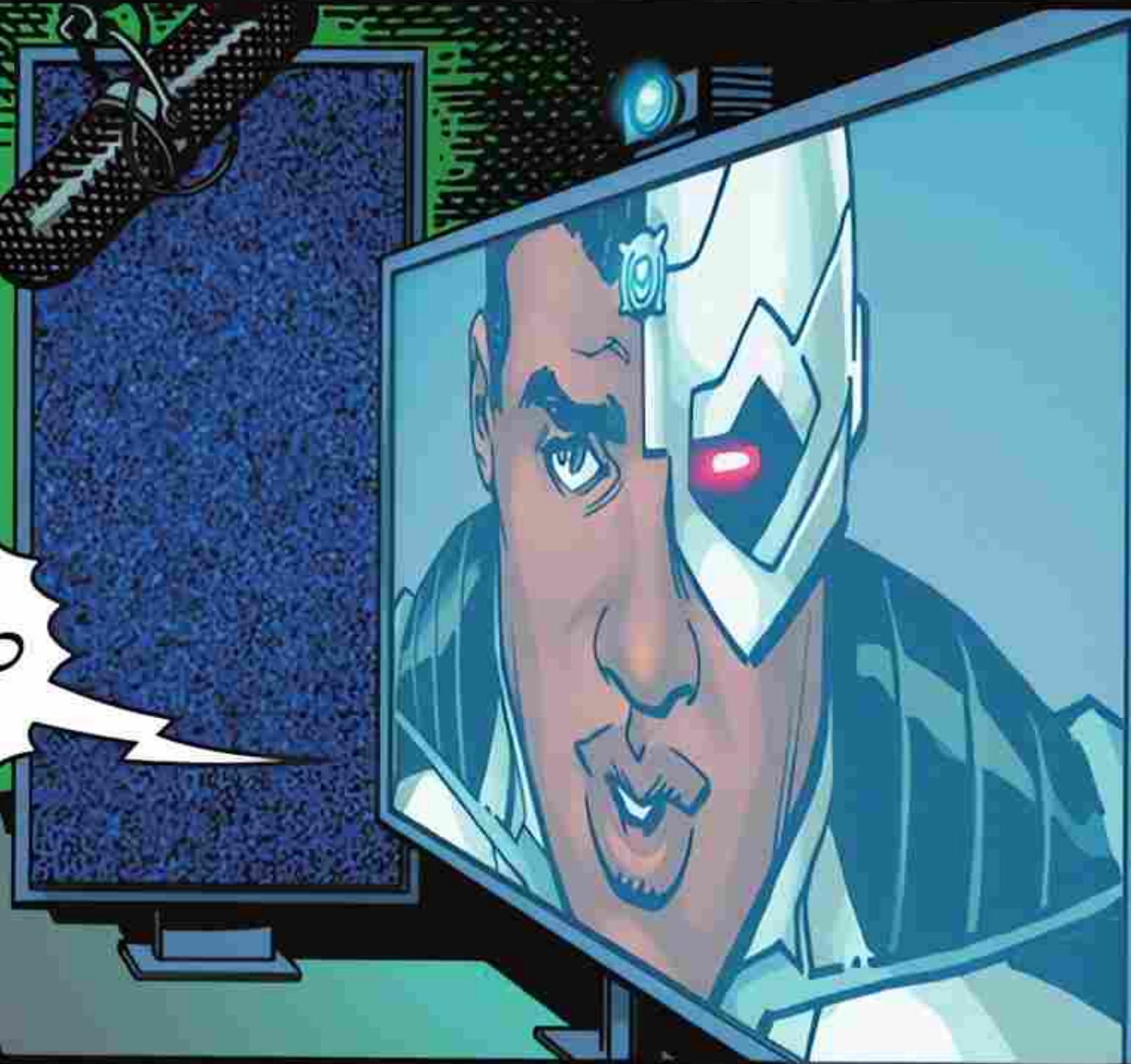


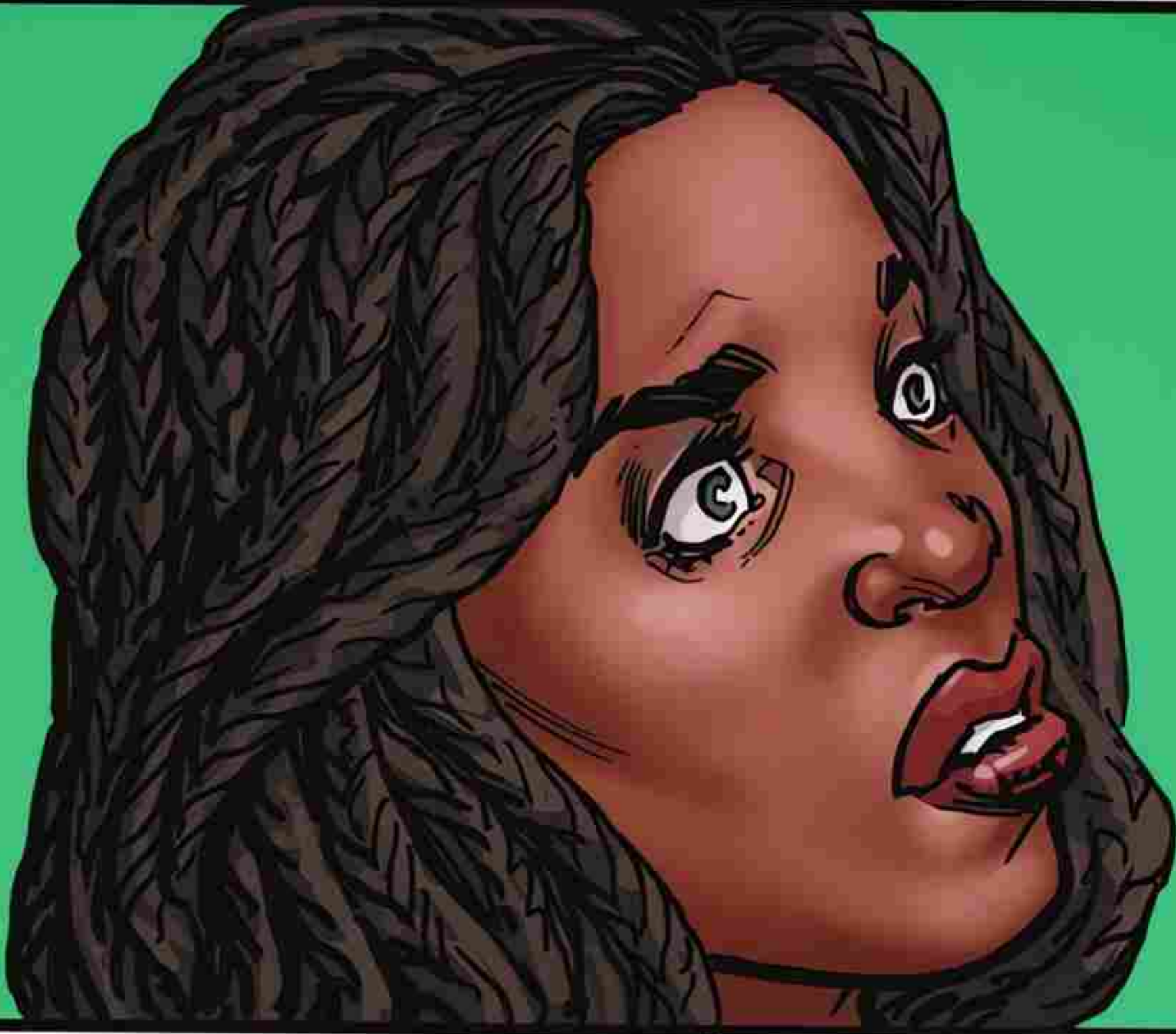
CYBORG?!





YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE CITY I TRUST TO HELP ME GET THE WORD OUT.





CONTINUED...

JUSTICE LEAGUE

VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG



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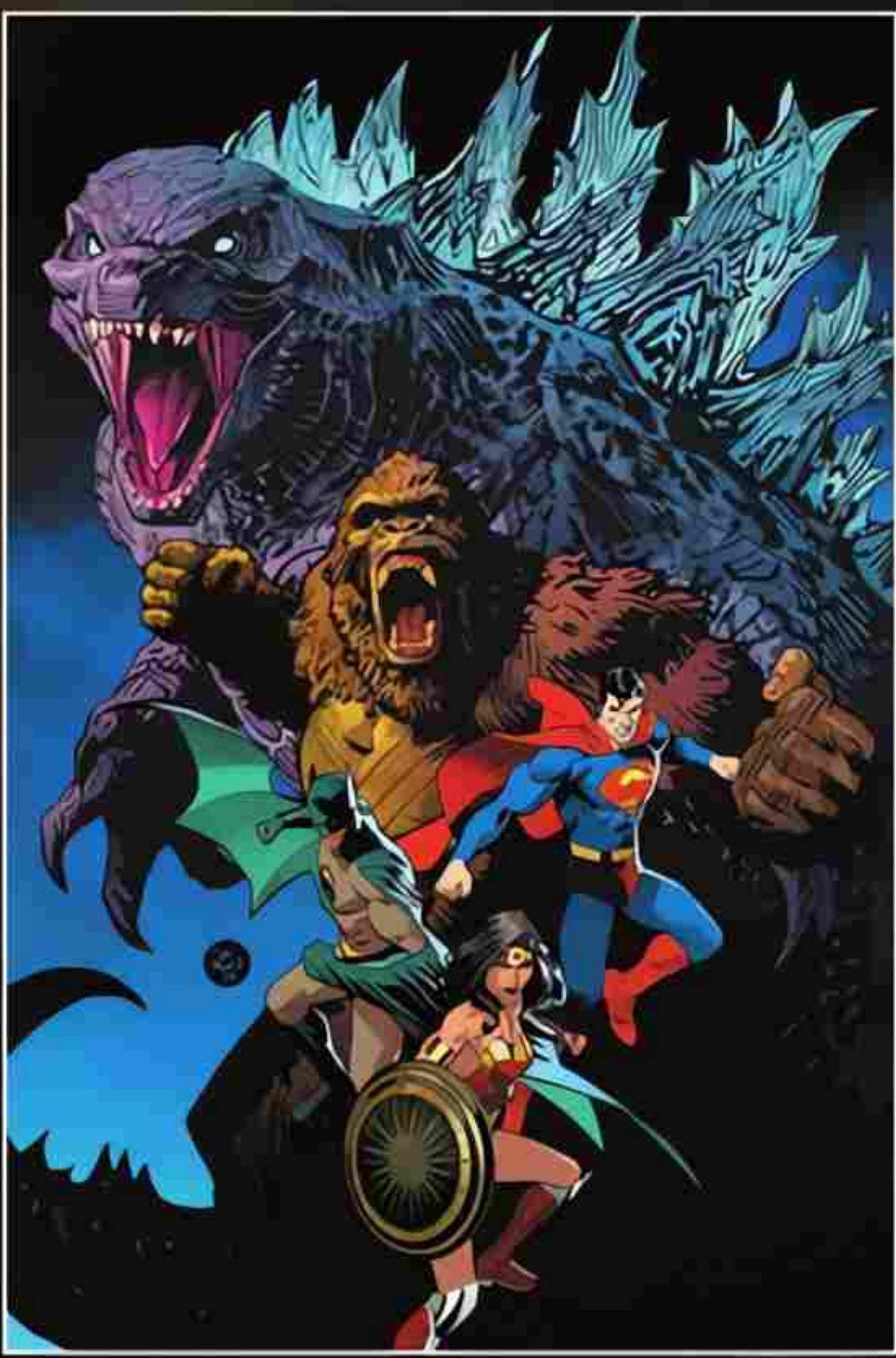
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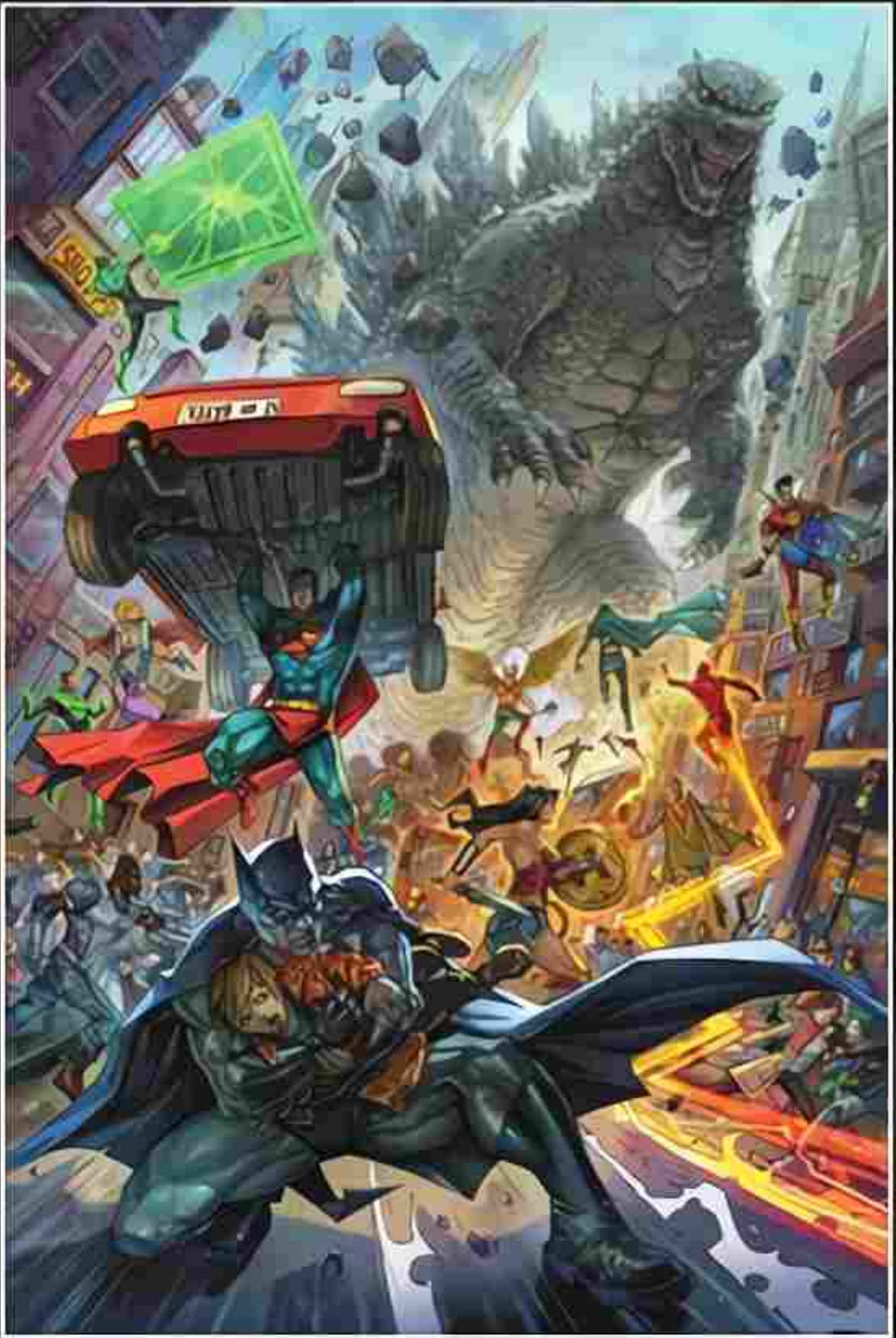
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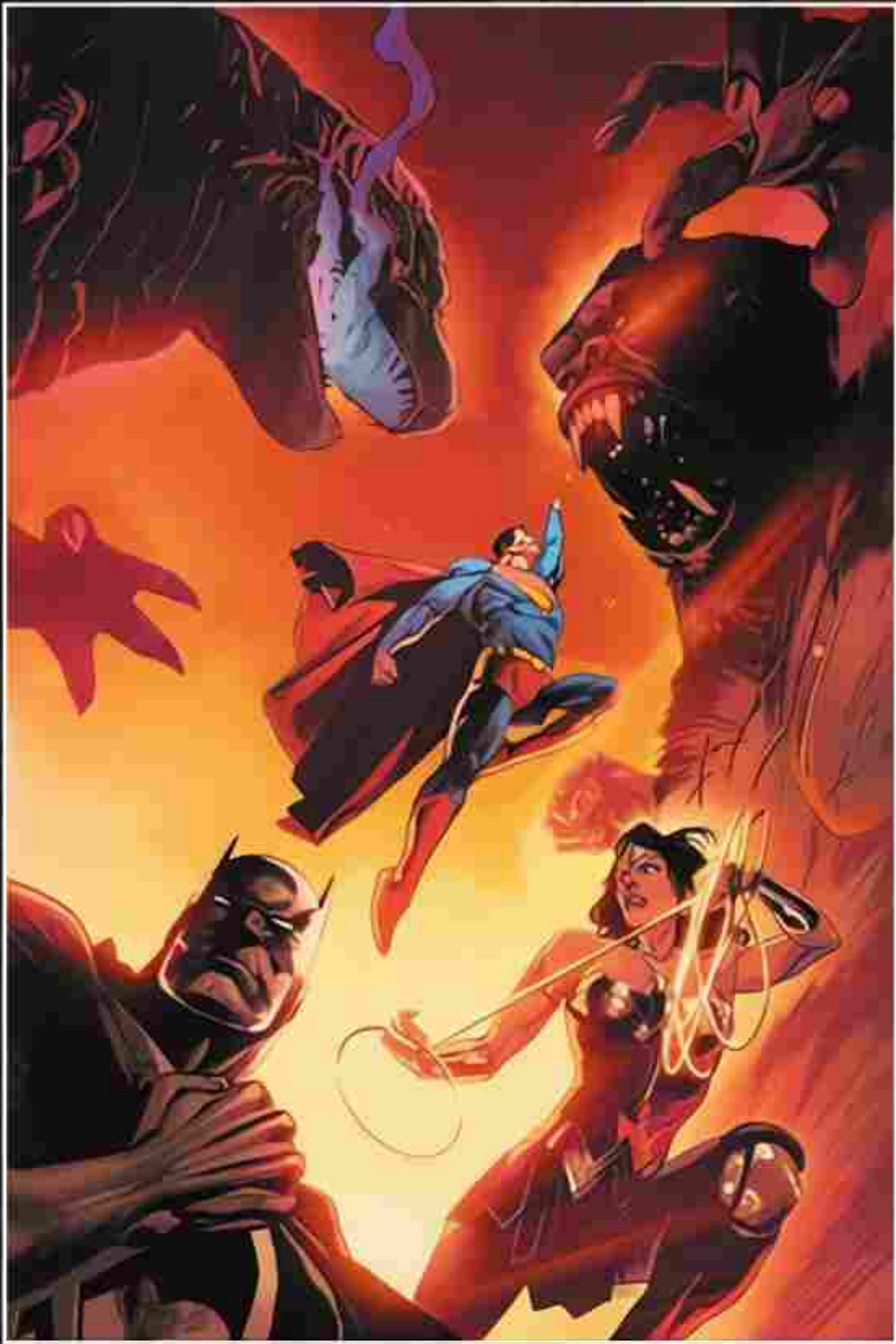


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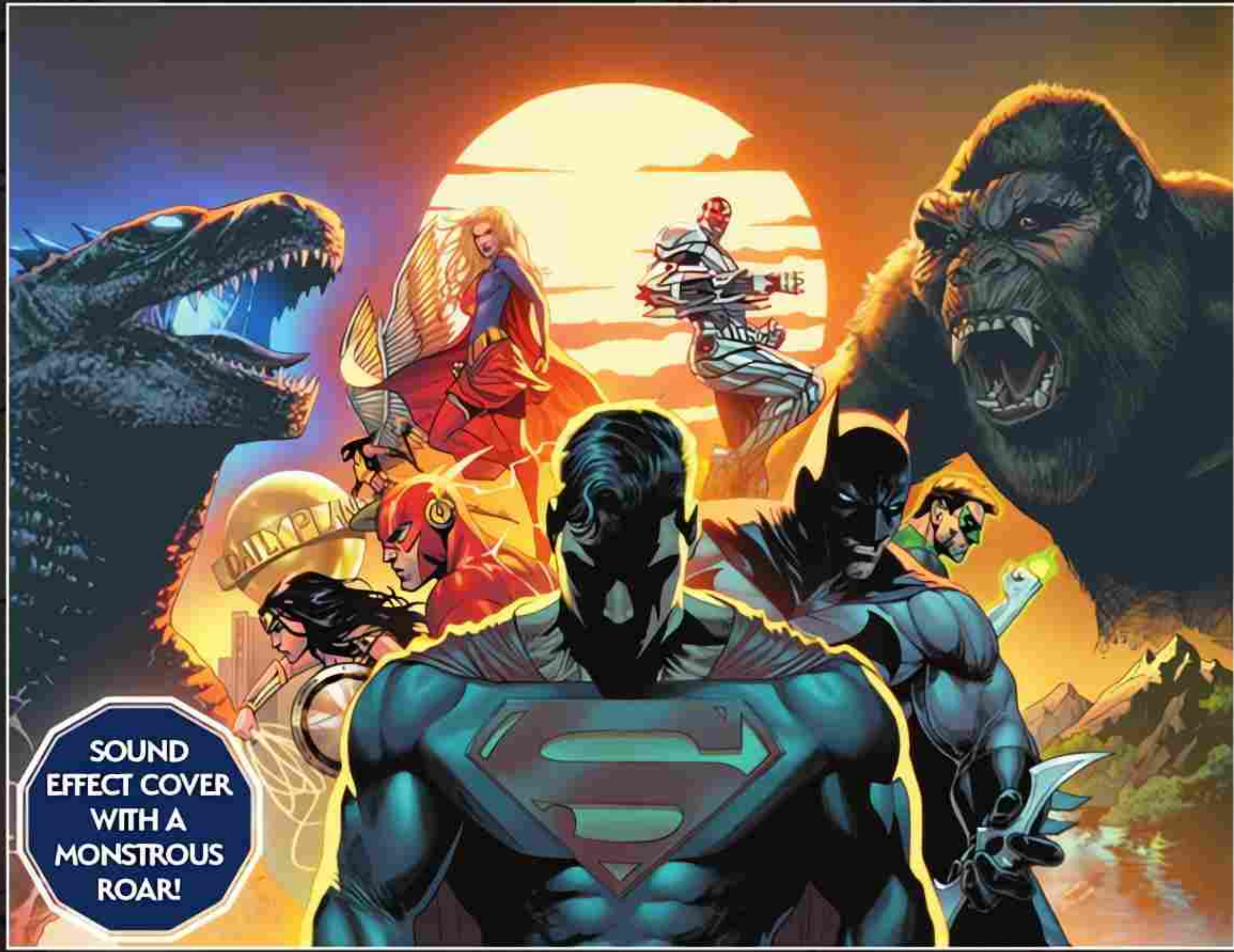


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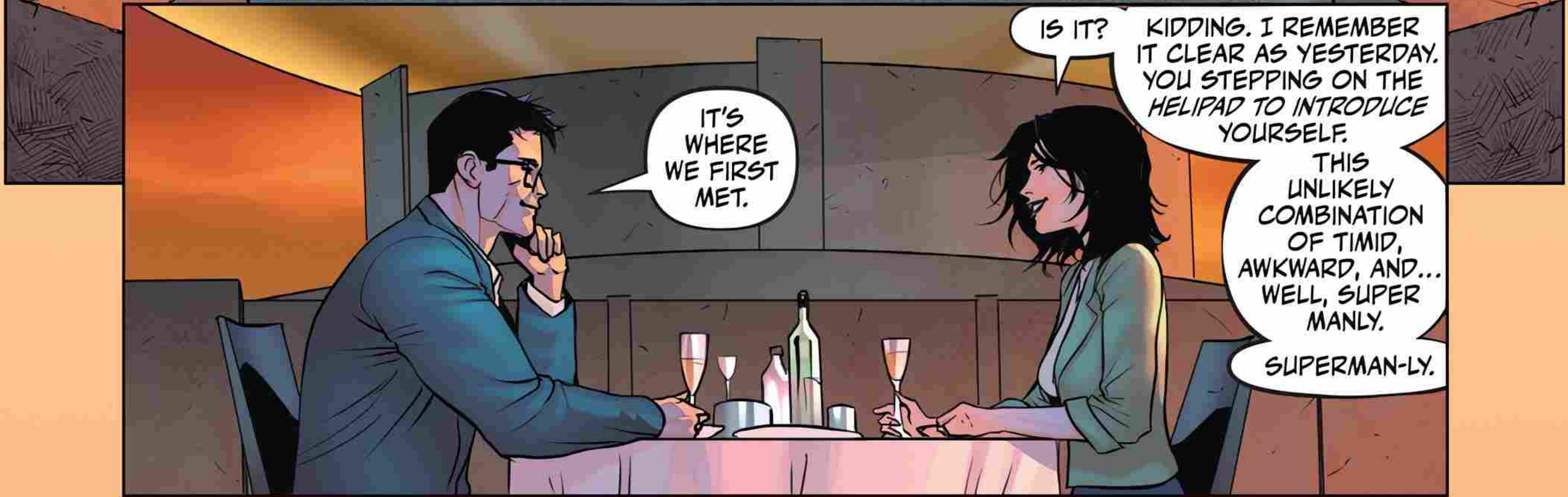
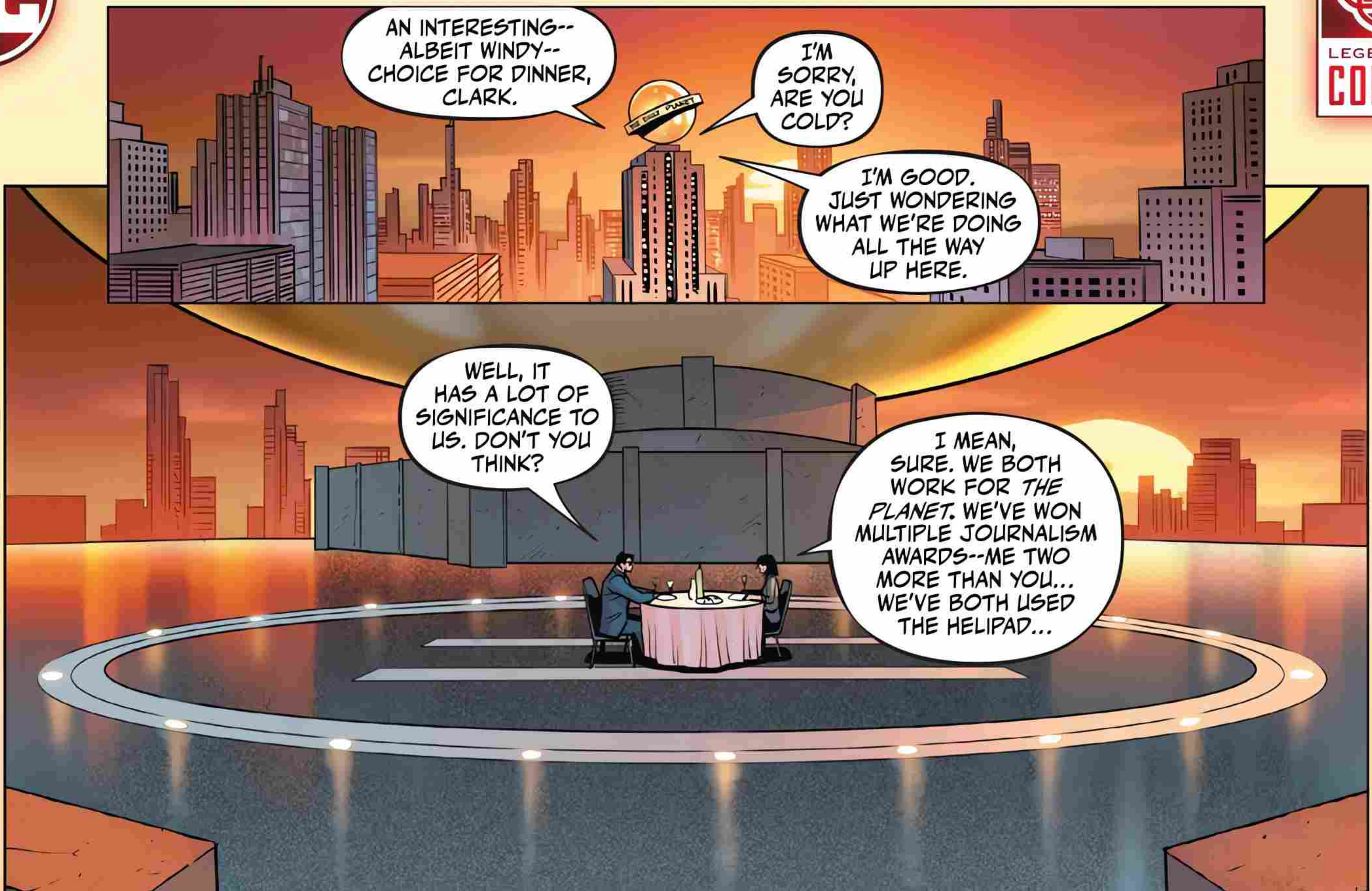


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**JUSTICE
LEAGUE** **vs.** **GODZILLA**
KONG









TWELVE HOURS AGO.



I MEAN, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. EVEN FOR HIM...



IT'S LIKE HE'S LITERALLY TRYING TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD AT ONCE.



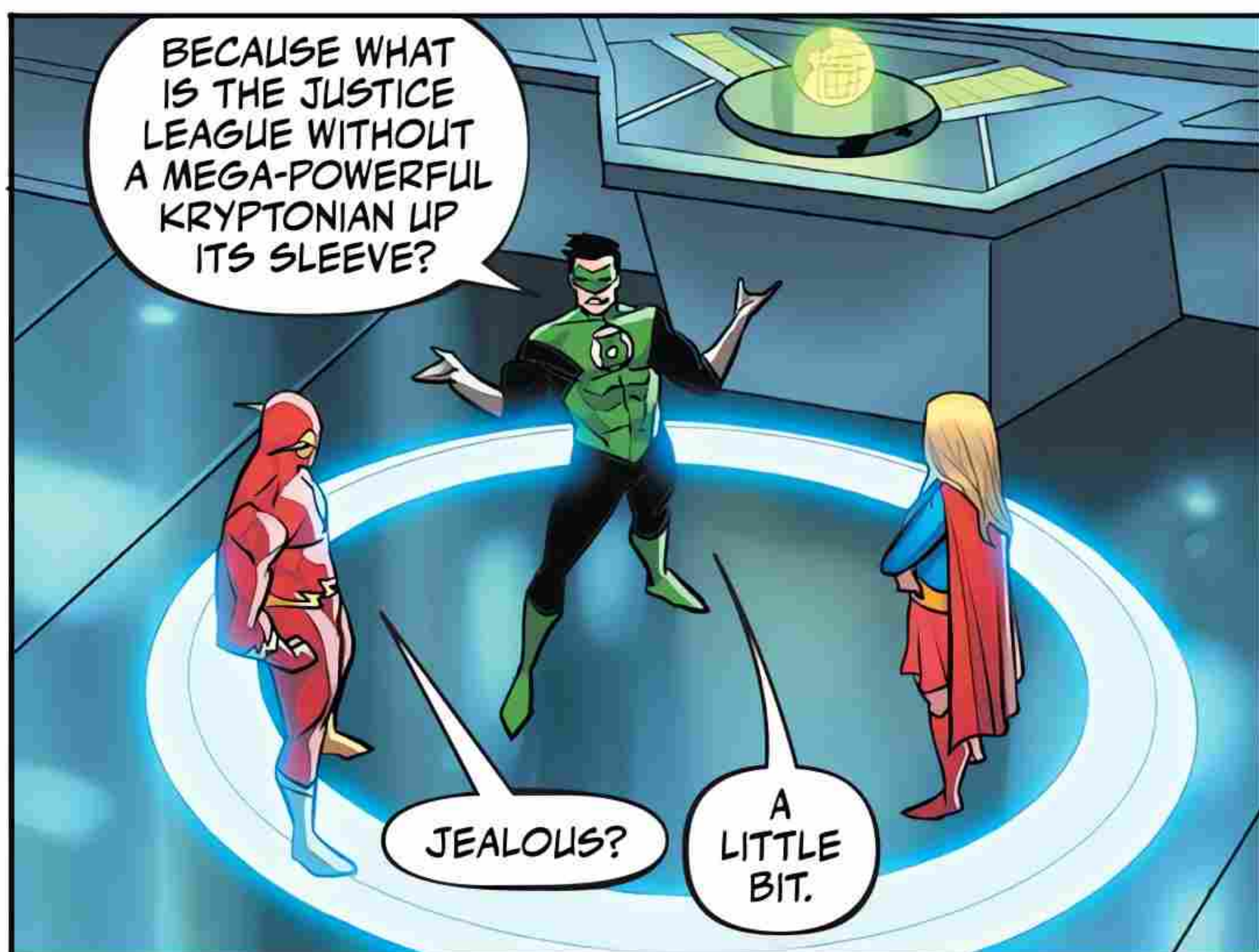
MAKES YOU WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GIVE SUPER-SUPER EFFORT ALL OF THE TIME.

IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, HAL...



BELIEVE ME, AS A GUY WHO CAN PRETTY MUCH BE TWO PLACES AT ONCE...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO AND HOW HARD YOU TRY...YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?





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THE FLASH

All year long, DC has reinvigorated its heroes and villains across the DC Universe with the Dawn of DC storytelling initiative—and Wally West gets in on the fun this September with *The Flash* #1 from the superstar team of writer Si Spurrier and artist Mike Deodato Jr., a fresh start for one of pop culture's most iconic heroes!

With this new era for *The Flash* comes new allies, new enemies, and mysterious new developments with Wally's connection to the Speed Force—along with a fresh take on classic villains like Mirror Master, as well as Wally's family unit of wife Linda Park and their super-powered twins, Jai and Irey.

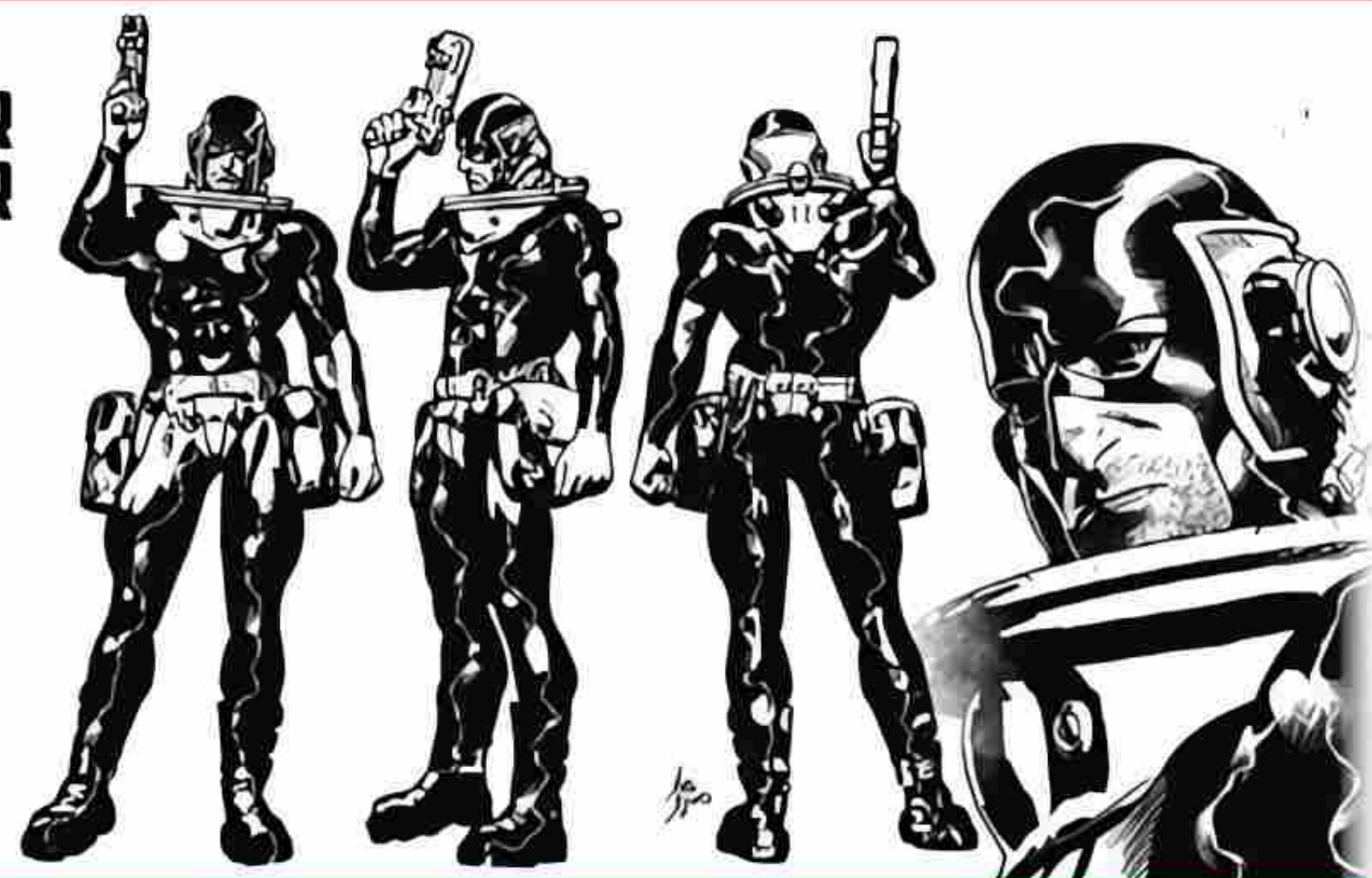
That's a lot to get excited about—and to get *even more* excited, we opened up Deodato's sketchbook to see the comics legend's character designs for the new series.



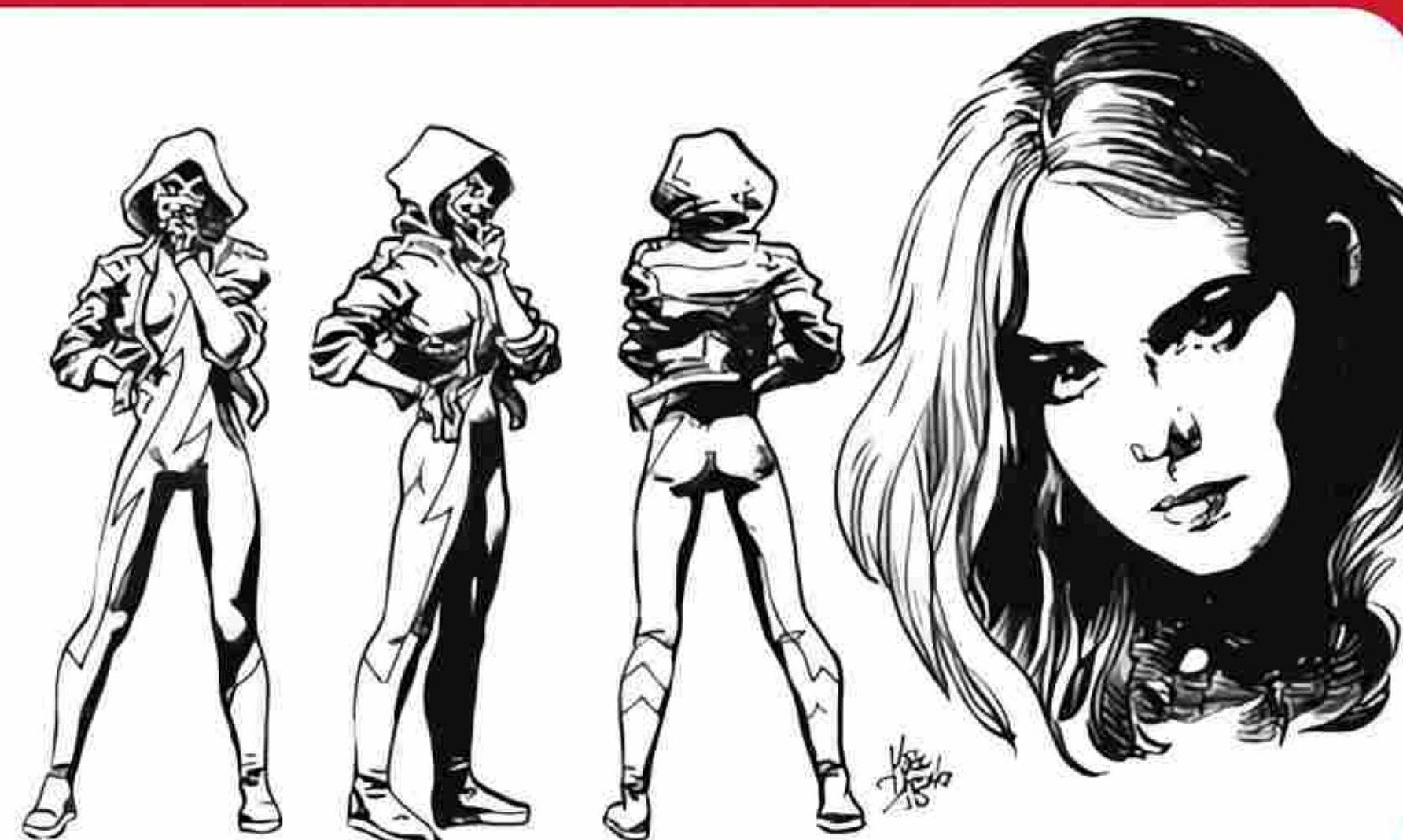
WALLY WEST



MIRROR MASTER



IREY WEST



JAI WEST



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